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THE QUESTION BOX JUNE

NOTE.—Questions are taken from all pages and occasionally advertisements. The Contest is open only to subscribers.

1. When was George W. Coleman Convention President?
2. Where today is Christianity a minority faith?
3. Who was born in Hong-kong during the war?
4. What church was founded with eight members in 1867?
5. Who is M. E. Aubrey?
6. What is scheduled for August 22-31, 1947?
7. What is suggested for November 2, 1947?
8. Who was Moderator of the Philadelphia Association?
9. Whose two grandfathers have been pastors?

This contest ends with this issue and is open only to regular subscribers. Be sure your name and address accompany your answers. Indicate your choice of book or subscription as a prize. The next contest begins in September.

10. What can only be lived down and not argued down?
11. Who signed himself as General Franco's "Sincere Friend"?
12. Whose annual meeting was held April 16-18, 1947?
13. What two cities had been blown to pieces?
14. Whodowereallyneednow?
15. Who is John A. Dawson?
16. Who said that nobody ever learns the lesson of history?
17. What magazine has a circulation of 4,473,092?
18. Whose address is 1600 Broadway, New York 19, N. Y.?

Rules for 1946-1947

FOR correct answers to every question (180 questions) in all issues, September to June inclusive, a prize of a worthwhile missionary book or a year's subscription to MISSIONS will be awarded.

Answers should be kept at home until June and all sent in together. In order to be eligible for a prize, state both the answers and the page numbers on which answers are found. Answers should be written briefly. Do not repeat the question.

Where two or more in a group work together only one set should be sent in and in such a case only one prize will be awarded.

All answers must be mailed by July 15, 1947 to receive credit.

WHO'S WHO

In This Issue

- JOHN ANDERSON is a new missionary in Assam, in service since 1946.
- GEORGE REAL BELIVEAU is a captain in the United States Army in the Far East.
- EDWIN A. BELL is the Foreign Mission Board's Special Representative in Europe.
- ARCHIBALD M. CRAIG is Town and

(Continued on following page)

Country Director for Maine Baptist State Convention. He recently returned from a visit to Europe.

► JACOB MEISTER is President of the Baptist Union of Germany, with headquarters in Berlin.

► LILA MUNSELLE is the pen name of a writer for various periodicals in the field of religious education. She is the daughter of a well known Baptist.

► GEORGE A. RIGGS is a retired home missionary who served for 33 years under the Home Mission Board in Puerto Rico.

► JOHN E. SKOGLUND is Professor of Theology at Berkeley Baptist Divin-

ity School, Berkeley, Cal. During the past winter he made a lecture tour of the Far East.

► HERMAN G. TEGENFELDT is a missionary in Burma, in service since 1941.

► CLARENCE G. VICHERT is a missionary in West China, in service since 1930.

The Subscription Trend Continues Upward

Two more months, April and May, have been added to the total of months registering subscription gains, so that the score is lifted to

157 months of gains and only 12 months of losses since the long up-trend began in the spring of 1933.

April produced 4,346 subscriptions as compared with 4,221 in April, 1946, a net gain of 125. May produced 4,631 as compared with 4,422 in May, 1946, a gain of 209.

With June comes the increased subscription rate, necessitated by the terrific increase in the cost of paper and in wages at the printing plant, and the subscription trend will be noted from day to day with absorbing interest. MISSIONS is confident that its subscribers out of loyalty to the magazine and the denomination it represents, out of appreciation of MISSIONS' high quality as a specialty periodical, and out of recognition that economic conditions over which the magazine's management has no control have made a higher rate necessary, will promptly renew their subscriptions when they expire.

It should again be noted that the increase of only 50 cents per year is less than one cent per week!

LETTERS

From the Editor's Mail Bag

In this journey that is called life, the road, geographically, has led from Pennsylvania to California and the traveling time has been more than 50 years. Theologically, I have preferred the middle of a one way, three lane, road, giving others the privilege of traveling or passing either left or right. People who journey in the opposite direction have never distracted my driving, for they are not on the King's Highway. Teaching and preaching the Word of God is still my chief joy. Reading MISSIONS ranks first in Great Commission news. I have gloried in the courage of your editorial pronouncements even though I have not always agreed. The enclosed check for \$5 renews my subscription for the next five years, to 1952. By that time we may know better who is right. God willing, I shall then write you again

DO YOU KNOW THAT....



A NEW FOREIGN MISSION STATION AMONG 250,000 BAYAKAS IN THE BELGIAN CONGO (AFRICA) IS BEING DEVELOPED AS A RESULT OF THE WORLD MISSION CRUSADE.

THIS STATION WILL SERVE AN AREA OF 7,800 SQUARE MILES WHERE WITCHCRAFT AND SPIRIT WORSHIP ARE STILL PREVALENT. THE FEW CHRISTIANS THERE APPEALED FOR MISSIONARIES 25 YEARS AGO.



THROUGH THE NORTHERN BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP AND LOAN FUND, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND PUBLICATION IN COOPERATION WITH BAPTIST RELATED COLLEGES WILL OFFER FIFTY SCHOLARSHIPS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER 1948

and renew for the duration of the journey. In the meantime let us love one another and continue to evangelize.—Rev. C. L. Trawin, Carmel-by-the-Sea, California.

NOTE—To Reader Trawin many thanks and best wishes for a long and happy continuation of his journey in life.—Ed.

As a layman I feel a reply ought to be made to your editorial on the Federal Council of Churches. Although I am now in the Southern Baptist Convention, I still feel akin to the Northern Convention, having lived in Philadelphia for 46 years and having been Moderator of the Philadelphia Association, and Vice President of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. It seems to me that our denominational leaders have lost the primary function of the church which is to go into all the world and preach the gospel, and not the 10 or 11 projects mentioned in your editorial, such as world peace, international justice, etc., and most assuredly not compromising with the Federal Council's disrepute by meddling in industrial relationships which is a capital and labor proposition and certainly nothing for the Church of Christ to meddle in. That helps to close the door to real evangelistic efforts on the part of the individual or church toward the individuals making up such industrial organizations. If this is "ecclesiastical isolationism," then thank the Lord for the label and all its implications, for it leaves the way open for personal evangelism which is the only way we are ever going to reach men for Christ, and thus fulfill His command to occupy till He come when He will take care of industrial relationships.—Arthur G. Martin, Edgemont, Maryland.

NOTE—In MISSIONS' editorial to which reader Martin refers, "evangelism" was mentioned first in the list of 10 projects.—Ed.

As I read each issue of MISSIONS from the first page to the last, including the ads, I wonder why people criticize as they do. Of course I am not always in accord with everything that

Coming Soon!

FEATURES TO APPEAR IN FORTHCOMING ISSUES

Some of the most interesting features ever published in MISSIONS will soon appear. As indicative of the purpose to maintain the magazine's high quality, the following features are scheduled for early publication.

THE CHINESE BANDIT AND HIS BROKEN DAGGER

Truth is always stranger than fiction. For sheer fascination and interest and for evidence of the enduring value of Christian missions this strange and weird story from West China is in a class by itself.

By DONALD WILLMOTT

VAST OPEN SPACES AND LIMITLESS HORIZONS

Intimate glimpses of spiritual needs and incredible religious ignorance in frontier home mission fields in the far West where people live many miles from churches and parishes are as large as some eastern states.

By ELMER C. ADAMS

THE CHANGING AND CHANGELESS IN AFRICA

After nine years absence from Belgian Congo a returning missionary finds many changes, and likewise much that has not changed. Above all, the need of Africa for the gospel of Christ is more acute than ever.

By LEONARD GITTINGS

THE HEART OF A FRESHMAN

An absorbingly interesting college story that reveals an unusual relationship between a Dean and a freshman, and gives an intimate portrayal of the Dean's tender spiritual solicitude and its inspiring sequel.

By KENNETH IRVING BROWN

THREE RACIAL STREAMS UNDER THE SKIN

The blood of three races flows under the skin of Latin America and this explains why the people are difficult to understand and why they are a problem to diplomats, merchants, and missionaries.

By OLAV EIKLAND

THE COPENHAGEN BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

An illustrated feature report of the 7th Baptist World Congress that is scheduled to meet in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 29-August 3, 1947, and an appraisal of its significance to the world fellowship of Baptists.

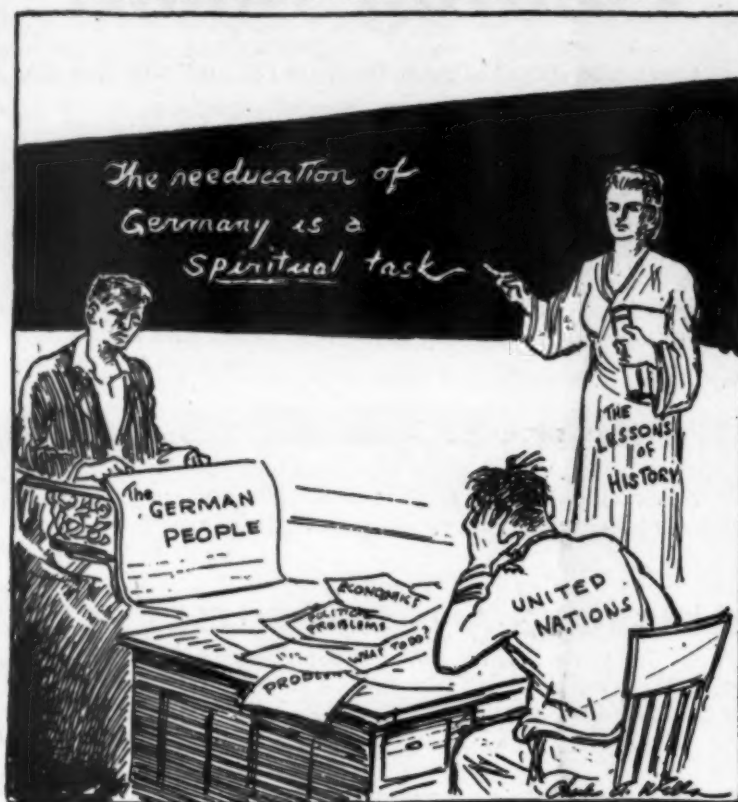
By WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

There could be no finer evidence of the continued popularity of MISSIONS than the steady upward trend in subscriptions. See score on page 322.

This can be another successful year if you will do your part by promptly renewing your subscription when it expires

Learning the Lesson of History

CARTOON NUMBER 140 BY CHARLES A. WELLS



IT is no secret that the military occupation leaders in Germany are finding it unexpectedly difficult to carry out the much publicized re-educational program for the German people. In the resulting disorder some have thrown up their hands in helplessness. Others are beginning to realize that only a spiritual approach to the problem can assure a successful solution.

The core of Hitlerism was its disregard of the value, the sacredness, and the rights of individual personality. Man's concepts of his divine destiny and the priceless value of each human person have arisen more from the teachings of Christ than from any other source. We cannot now tear out the insane doctrines of Hitler and merely fill in the vacuum with cotton batting. Into the fearful void we must project those very teachings that awakened man to his divine inheritance.

This inescapable fact raises the most important and painful question of all. Are those responsible for German re-education themselves spiritually capable for the task? "The lesson of history," said George Bernard Shaw, "is that nobody ever learns the lesson of history." Perhaps the failure of the recent Moscow conference of Foreign Ministers and the fearful need that exists in Germany today will eventually convince the world that unless nations as well as individuals are changed spiritually, all efforts at reconstruction and re-education are doomed to futility.—CHARLES A. WELLS.

appears in the magazine, but would this not be a funny world if we all liked the same things? If the folks who write you those "against" letters would write them, seal them, address them, put on the stamp (do not forget the stamp because you can always steam it loose), and then tear their letters into a thousand pieces, the writers would feel better, and so would all the rest of us who would not then have to read them. I enjoyed your tour of Europe as if I had been with you. I wish you could have given us more of it. The "Four Bars of Chocolate" article was superb. I used it in a meeting in our church. I have taken MISSIONS for years, and always will even if I am in a Methodist church. More power to you and let the chips fall where they may.—Walter S. Butterfield, Penconning, Mich.

Your editorial, "The Supreme Court Turns Back the Clock," presents a sad situation. One of the saddest things about it is that you did not have room enough for another paragraph to present the real situation. You should have said that the modernist group has gone so far from the fundamentals of the Bible that many who believe in them are refusing to be led astray by such a group any longer. They say they are sticking to a straight road and have informed us that if we are going to turn aside to the byways, they are not going to turn with us, but are going straight forward. This is a deplorable situation and I am sorry MISSIONS did not have space to present the whole truth.—T. T. Simmons, Peoria, Ill.

For years my interest has been in biological studies which do not take into account theological divisions. Nevertheless your editorial, "The Supreme Court Turns Back the Clock," is absolutely sound if we consider the American way of life important for future generations. More power to you!—Bertram Ball, Yonkers, N. Y.

Increasing the price of MISSIONS is completely understandable. I have been expecting it and wondering why you had not done it sooner. We here in the Rutland church will do all in our power to get a complete renewal list

in the fall and increase it if possible. The value of MISSIONS is tremendous and its influence very great. All success to you.—*Mrs. Katherine Carpenter Prophet, Rutland, Vermont.*

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Of course I am sorry I have to pay more for MISSIONS, but I don't think it will take any more eloquence to get subscription renewals than it does to pay more for a steak. As far as new subscriptions are concerned, nobody expects to get any sort of magazine today for a dollar, to say nothing of getting the *best* one, so I will keep on

sending renewals and, I hope, a lot more new subscriptions. Thanks for making MISSIONS so good.—*Eva Mary King, De Kalb, Ill.*

Once again congratulations on a remarkable issue of MISSIONS.—*Mabelle Rae (Mrs. Abram) Le Grand, West Orange, N. J.*

Report from the Far West . . .



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BELOW: Secretary Paul Conrad interpreting stewardship; Vermont Secretary H. C. Bryant and his family; New York Secretary K. A. Roadarmel and Promotion Director Paul Collyer



ABOVE, LEFT: Rev. W. A. Nixon and Dr. Gerald Watkins. RIGHT: Dr. P. Stainson greets Dr. J. H. Franklin

BOARDWALK PERSONALITIES

BELOW: Mrs. Ola Hanson, retired missionary from Burma; Dr. T. C. Beau of China; Mrs. Luther Wesley Smith; Dr. Catherine L. Mabie, who returned recently from Belgian Congo



BELOW: Rev. and Mrs. Benedetto Pascale of New Jersey; General Director and Mrs. Reuben E. Nelson of New York Headquarters; Rev. and Mrs. Alfred L. Murray of Rhode Island

One of the huge signs of welcome in the big auditorium



Basking in the sun on the colonnade of the auditorium



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Unpredictable but Dependable Baptists!

A LONG, deep gasp of astonishment resounded across the crowded Atlantic City Music Hall when 4,000 Baptists at the Northern Baptist Convention's 40th Anniversary saw \$16,163,601 flashed on the mammoth screen. How little had been our faith in the dependability of Baptists! This amazing total of pledges to the World Mission Crusade had truly been unpredictable.

How unpredictable Baptists usually are was apparent also in another effort to have the Convention adopt a creed, in spite of the overwhelming contrary decision at Grand Rapids last year. Again the dependability of Baptists was evident. An immense majority vote declared that "believing the Grand Rapids resolution on the New Testament clearly expressed the will of our people, this Atlantic City Convention again refuses to make *any* creedal statement a test of fellowship and service."

Certainly nobody would have ventured to predict either the introduction or the outcome of a resolution stating that the Northern Baptist Convention is a separate and distinct organization from the new Conservative Baptist Association of America which the fundamentalists had organized at their own meeting in Atlantic City. Equally unpredictable, and again evidencing Baptist dependability, was the decision the next day to withdraw the resolution in the interests of harmony and fellowship.

Assuredly unpredictable was the impressive prayer meeting with the entire Convention on its knees. It occurred during the memorable evening session on the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism. Never in 40 years of Convention history had 4,000 Baptists been on their knees in prayer at the same time and in the same place.

Moreover, nobody dared to predict that the Convention would unanimously authorize a committee to study specifically the possibility of Northern Baptist union with the Disciples of Christ. At the Cleveland Convention in 1930 a similar proposal was rejected.

When the Program Committee invited Dr. Robert James MacCracken, successor to Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick at New York's Riverside Church, to a place on the program, everybody predicted an inspiring message; but nobody predicted that he would deliver the greatest address on "The Lordship of Christ" ever heard at a Northern Baptist Convention.

These and other Atlantic City program features again suggest that anything can happen at a Baptist Convention. They also reveal that regardless of disagreements and controversies that arise from time to time, Baptists can always be depended upon to show good sense, exhibit sound judgment, maintain unimpeachable fairness, and preserve their integrity.

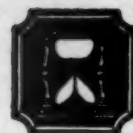
With that assurance and against the background of Atlantic City fraternity and unity, the denomination moves into the stupendous Crusade for Christ through Evangelism. While its ultimate outcome is as unpredictable as that of the World Mission Crusade, of the continued dependability of Baptists there can be no doubt. Baptists at Atlantic City decided to heed the summons of President Edwin T. Dahlberg (*see page 354*) to proceed northward and onward. They are already on their way. A significant year therefore lies ahead in unity and fellowship, in loyalty to the mission of Baptists in a broken world, and in devotion to Christ.

The procedure of Baptists is always unpredictable; their ultimate decisions are always dependable.



The World Today

Current Events of Missionary Interest



The population of India includes more than 60,000,000 people, known as the "untouchables" or unclean outcastes



Life for the "untouchables" of India is grim and hard, as intimated by this group of women engaged in road building

Out of the Darkness of Degradation Into the Sunlight of Equality

FOR centuries India has been cursed by its caste system. At the bottom of its social scale stand the outcastes, some 60,000,000 people the so-called "untouchables," employed mostly as scavengers, cleaners, sweepers, tanners, dyers, etc. Regarded as "unclean" they were forever shut out of the privileged circle. They could not draw water from village wells, nor send their children to public schools, not even permit their shadows to fall across the path of an approaching high caste Hindu, who would thereby have been defiled.

Late in April the India Constituent Assembly voted to abolish "untouchability" in any form. To try to impose or maintain it now becomes a penal offense. The statute language is clear and precise.

Untouchability in any form is abolished and the imposition of any disability on that account shall be an offense.

This India decree matches in significance the manifesto of Czar Alexander II who on March 17, 1861, abolished serfdom in Russia, and the Emancipation Proclamation of President Abraham Lincoln who, on January 1, 1863, abolished slavery in the

United States. It is more than probable that the Charter of the United Nations, of which India is a member, with its emphasis on fundamental rights and human freedoms, furnished the impetus to this reform legislation which lifts 60,000,000 people out of centuries of social degradation. Of course inequality always dies hard and efforts will be made to continue the old social distinctions, but without previously accompanying political and communal disabilities.

This drastic social change is destined to have consequences for Christian missions in India. Heretofore the only way an outcaste could free himself from "untouchability" was to become a convert to Mohammedanism or Christianity. With the prospect of social advantage now eliminated, the appeal of the Christian gospel to an outcaste Hindu will depend solely on its doctrinal and ethical content.

Plans for World Council of Churches Next Year in Amsterdam, Holland

LATE in April in Buck Hill Falls, Pa., 35 Protestant and Eastern Orthodox church leaders representing 14 countries assembled to plan for the first world assembly of the World Council of Churches. It now includes 103 denominations in 33 countries. Its first

world assembly will meet August 22-September 5, 1948 (*next year*) in Amsterdam, Holland. Attendance will be limited to 450 delegates of whom 75 will come from the constituent denominations in the United States.

The Amsterdam meeting will have four principal functions as outlined by General Secretary W. A. Visser t'Hooft, (1) Discuss the main theme program, "Man's Disorder and God's Design," under its four topics (*See MISSIONS, April, 1947, page 226*), (2) Adopt the proposed constitution of the World Council of Churches, (3) Determine the program and policies of the Council, and (4) Take action on any matters of common concern to the churches.

Two topics on the Buck Hill Falls agenda, relations with the press, and communion services at Amsterdam, precipitated long discussion. It was finally voted to open plenary sessions to the press, but to defer action on open or executive sessions of sectional or committee meetings. The problem of communion services was ingeniously solved. Since the Dutch Reformed Church will be host to the World Council, a Dutch Reformed Communion Service will be scheduled with the blessing *but not the official sponsorship of the Assembly*, and to it all delegates will be welcomed as communicants. Three other communion services, Anglican, Orthodox, and Lutheran will be scheduled according to their rites, thus recognizing the four main traditions in the World Council.

The committee devoted much time to the need of relief work and to a report of the magnificent service rendered by its Reconstruction Department under the leadership of Dr. J. H. Cockburn in Geneva, Switzerland. At its closing session a call was issued to the churches urging an end to a divided Christendom and declaring:

Our churches are divided, and by our division the whole work of the Church, in speech and action, suffers grievous harm. We long for the day when our Lord Jesus Christ shall recapture the churches, manifest in His glory, lead them to speak with one clear voice, and to act as those who serve Him only as their Lord. In that unity we desire to join our forces to do His work of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, visiting the prisoner, and healing the sick, to learn and to preach His truth and grace and thus to proclaim His Kingdom.

Of the 75 delegates to the Amsterdam Assembly, four and four alternates will be allotted to the Northern Baptist Convention.

Have You Been Wondering Whether Relief Supplies Actually Arrive?

MANY people have wondered and many have actually inquired as to what extent American relief supplies shipped to Europe actually reach the needy people for whom they are intended. Convincing answer was given by Director R. W. Barstow of Church World Service in his report to the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press. Citing Hungary as an example, he said that of 84 shipments of supplies from various church warehouses throughout the United States, 64 shipments had arrived in Hungary intact and only 20 had suffered modest loss in transit either from breakage or pilferage. The loss was so slight that the total was less than one per cent of the entire 84 shipments. In other words, 99% of American church relief supplies for Hungary actually arrived and were distributed to the needy. Moreover, said Dr. Barstow, clothing relief donated by churches has been found to be cleaner, more usable, and of finer quality than that contributed by secular relief agencies. To the people who received the supplies this noticeable feature has immeasurably increased the prestige and good will of the Christian church.

Remarkable Remarks

HEARD OR REPORTED HERE AND THERE

AMERICA MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN TWO POLICIES. One stands for a strong United Nations and leads to lasting peace; the other stands for a divided world and leads ultimately to war.—*Henry A. Wallace.*

COMMUNISM CANNOT BE ARGUED DOWN; it can only be lived down.—*Rev. J. Hutchison Cockburn.*

THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE does not involve the separation of religion and citizenship—*Atlanta Baptist Ministers Conference*, in a pro-

test against passage of a white race primary bill by the Georgia State Legislature.

TO REPENT OF THE SINS OF OTHER NATIONS is always easier than to repent of the sins of our own nation.—*Rev. Mark A. Dawber.*

WE ALL OUGHT TO BE PATRIOTS, but that does not mean cheering with the crowd and shouting. "My country, right or wrong."—*Canon Archibald F. Hood*, Oxford, England.

It Happened in Atlantic City

A summary of important actions and significant decisions at the Atlantic City Convention

Summarized by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD



President Edwin T. Dahlberg delivering his presidential address; five delegates discussing creedal freedom; Mrs. T. W. Aishton and Mrs. H. S. Palmer in a boardwalk taxi; Dr. C. O. Johnson hands the torch to Dr. Sidney W. Powell. (See page 356.) Photos 2 and 3 by the Editor, 1 and 4 by The Watchman-Examiner

An Incredible and Tremendous Achievement

THE World Mission Crusade exceeded its \$14,000,000 goal by more than \$2,000,000, the total as of May 1, 1947 in cash and pledges amounting to \$16,163,601. By an ingenious and tantalizing method of announcement Tuesday evening the figure was projected on the huge screen, numeral by numeral starting backwards, so that not until it was complete was the impatiently waiting crowd aware of the actual amount. Instantly an immense audible gasp of astonishment resounded throughout the hall. It was one of the most dramatic and thrilling moments ever witnessed at a Convention.

Possible Union with the Disciples of Christ

ON recommendation of the Committee on Conference with the Disciples of Christ the Convention voted unanimously to enlarge the present committee into a Commission of Fifteen to explore and examine the content of faith and the polity of Baptists and Disciples in order to discuss the possibility of union. Personnel of the enlarged commission will include theologians, church historians, religious educators, and executives who would have to deal with practical matters of relations.

The Federal Council of Churches

THE Convention voted to instruct next year's program committee to provide full opportunity at Milwaukee for thorough-going discussion of the relationships of the Convention to the Council, and during the intervening year to inform all the churches regarding any facts with reference to the Federal Council that will be helpful in such discussions. Moreover a special committee of seven was authorized to consider the entire question and to present a report next year and to consider likewise the relationships of the Convention to the World Council of Churches. By this democratic procedure it is hoped that Baptist relations to the Federal Council finally will be settled.

The National Association of Evangelicals

A PROPOSAL that the same committee that is to study the relationship of the Northern Baptist Convention to the Federal Council of Churches and to report a year hence should also study the possibility of relationship with the National Association of Evangelicals, which represents several extreme conservative denominations, was not approved. Thereupon its proponents offered a motion to refer the matter to

the General Council and to suggest that it appoint a special committee for the purpose. At a later session the General Council reported that no such committee seemed advisable.

No Creedal Test for Fellowship or Service

ONCE again an effort was made to have the Convention adopt a creed and to require subscription to such a creed as a test for denominational fellowship and service. In a spirited debate but in the same spirit of fairness and good will that marked the historic debate at Grand Rapids, the Convention once again rejected all proposals to adopt a creed. By an overwhelming majority the following was voted:

RESOLVED: that, believing that the Grand Rapids resolution clearly expressed the will of our people, this Convention again refuses to make any creedal statement a test of fellowship and service.

The Financial Outcome of the Year

WITH the exception of the first year of the New World Movement more than 25 years ago, the financial receipts of the fiscal year 1946-1947 were the highest in Convention history. Total reported was as follows:

Unified Budget receipts.....	\$ 4,039,022
Specific gifts.....	155,224
Payments on World Mission Crusade	6,636,674
TOTAL.....	\$10,830,921

Big as that total seems, the amount that must be raised during the new fiscal year 1947-1948 is considerably larger, as indicated in the following analysis:

Unified budget including world relief..	\$ 6,000,000
Crusade through Evangelism.....	100,000
Payments on World Mission Crusade.	8,000,000
TOTAL.....	\$14,100,000

To raise and collect that huge sum will require prodigious efforts, but with the spirit of consecration, loyalty, and unity so clearly manifest at Atlantic City it can be done.

Conservative Baptist Association of America

ON recommendation of the three regional conferences of Baptist conservatives, previously known as the Fundamental Fellowship, held respectively in Brooklyn, N. Y., Chicago, Ill., and San Francisco, Cal., last winter,

the Conservative Baptist Association of America was organized. Three times this new organization was injected into the Convention. On Wednesday President E. M. Poteat, seconded by Rev. R. J. Carlberg, introduced the following:

RESOLVED: (1) That the Northern Baptist Convention publicly recognizes the right of any group within the Convention to organize itself at any time and for any reasons it regards as sufficient; (2) That the Northern Baptist Convention publicly and with regret recognizes the actions of the Conservative Baptist Association of America which are designed to establish itself as a separate and independent organization. (3) And that the Northern Baptist Convention publicly states that the Northern Baptist Convention and the Conservative Baptist Association are separate and distinct organizations.

On Thursday, in the interests of harmony and unity, President Poteat with the consent of his seconder, withdrew this resolution. On Friday the Convention on motion of Dr. V. L. Shontz, voted to instruct the General Council to ascertain and set forth the facts about the organization and purpose of the Conservative Baptist Association of America for the information of the constituency of the Convention.

The Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism

A GREAT crusade in evangelism was enthusiastically launched in Atlantic City. For details see page 359.

What is a Cooperating Church?

THE Convention instructed its General Council to present, in ample time for action at the next Convention in Milwaukee in 1948, amendments to the By-Laws of the Northern Baptist Convention that will clearly define a cooperating church. As Mr. W. C. Coleman pointed out in the debate, the present definition is confusing and unsatisfactory, and because of its lack of clarity and its inadequacy a new definition is needed. A tremendous majority voted this mandate to the General Council.

The Corporate Mind of the Denomination

IN its resolutions, adopted this year with a surprising minimum of debate and amendment, the Convention once again in vigorous and positive expression made clear its unalterable opposition to peacetime military conscription in the

United States, and to the appropriations of public funds, federal, state, or local, for the support of church schools. Moreover, it proposed an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that would forever prohibit such use of public funds. Likewise strong was the Convention's protest against President Truman's maintaining a personal ambassador to the Pope. It called for the termination of Mr. Myron C. Taylor's mission, the closing of the Vatican Embassy, and the reassignment of Mr. Taylor's staff. Other resolutions included expressions of the corporate mind of Northern Baptists on national affairs, race relations, conscientious objectors, amnesty, civic rights, public schools and federal aid, beverage alcohol, denominational affairs, and international relationships, the last mentioned covering specifically power politics and alliances, settlement of displaced persons, immigration, and the overwhelming

importance of building friendly relations with Soviet Russia. The resolutions will be printed and made available to pastors free on request.

A New Three-Year Commission

IN his presidential address Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg had recommended the appointment of "a strong representative commission of theological and organizational review which would for a period leading up to 1950, canvass thoroughly our whole form of operation and in a spirit of studied research and Christian self-examination, present a great and statesmanlike report to the denomination looking towards a mighty future of our faith." This was unanimously approved.

Next Year and Thereafter

THE Convention will meet in 1948 in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1949 in San Francisco, Cal., and in 1950 in Boston, Mass.

How Would You Have Said It?

QUOTATIONS FROM SCHEDULED PROGRAM ADDRESSES, INFORMAL SPEECHES,
AND DISCUSSION COMMENTS DURING THE ATLANTIC CITY CONVENTION

☉ WE CANNOT KNOW CHRISTIANITY until we know Christ.—*Robert James MacCracken*

☉ THE KIND OF A WORLD in which we now live demands superlative discipleship.—*Edward H. Pruden*

☉ BEFORE WE CAN TAKE EVANGELISM seriously we must take the evangel seriously.—*E. G. Homrighausen*

☉ MAN IS IN A DESPERATE RACE between regeneration and extinction.—*Sidney W. Powell*

☉ BOMBING PLANES ARE SO EXPENSIVE and so destructive and missionaries are so cheap and so constructive; yet so much of the world puts its faith in the bombing plane.—*G. Pitt Beers*

☉ THE PROBLEM OF TODAY is not the atomic bomb; it is the kind of world into which the atomic bomb was born.—*Mrs. C. R. Watford*

☉ UNTIL THE ATOMIC BOMB was dropped on Hiroshima, time was always on our side. Now time is against us.—*Muriel Lester*

☉ IN ALL CONTROVERSIES there is a middle ground that may well be closer to the purposes of God.—*Charles P. Taft*

☉ COMMUNISM LOCATES THE POINTS OF TENSION around the world and forthwith goes in to aggravate

the tension. Christianity locates the points of tension and goes in to relieve it.—*Edwin T. Dahlberg*

☉ ALL OVER EUROPE today Christianity is a minority faith.—*E. G. Homrighausen*

☉ IT IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT to see facts in the shadows of prejudice and the fogs of suspicion.—*Ralph W. Sockman*

☉ TOO OFTEN OUR ECCLESIASTICAL VOCABULARY is so complicated and confused that a wandering sinner cannot find the way to Christ.—*Winfield Edson*

☉ WHEN THE WORLD IS AT ITS WORST we as Christians ought to be at our best.—*Quoted by Edward H. Pruden*

☉ TODAY WE MIGHT AS WELL eat, drink, and be as merry as we can, for tomorrow we shall surely die from the atomic bomb.—*A disillusioned European, quoted by Muriel Lester*

☉ REGARDLESS OF MANY CONFLICTING IDEAS as to Protestant cooperation, whether through convention connection or local church connection, we need more fellowship with cooperative Protestantism and not less. We need an evangelism of reconciliation rather than an evangelism of separation.—*E. T. Dahlberg*



Officers of the Northern Baptist Convention. From left to right: Recording Secretary and Mrs. H. R. Bowler, President and Mrs. Edwin T. Dahlberg, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. J. C. Hazen

☉ IN A WORLD WHERE "EVERYTHING GOES," soon everything will be gone.—*Justin W. Nixon*, quoted by *Joel Sorenson*

☉ THE SUM OF ALL THAT JESUS HAS TO SAY to men is, "Follow Me!"—*Robert James MacCracken*

☉ CONVERSION IS A MIRACLE OF DIVINE GRACE and we are powerless to perform it unless God is in the transaction.—*Winfield Edson*

☉ WE CAN ALWAYS AROUSE PEOPLE against something but seldom for something.—*Ralph W. Sockman*

☉ IT IS ALWAYS EASIER to lower your ideals to your environment than to lift your environment to your ideals.—*Edward H. Pruden*

☉ YOU CAN MASTER ONE PASSION only by a more intense passion. A godless passion of secularism can be mastered only by a more intense passion of Christian evangelism.—*Benjamin P. Browne*

☉ THE GOSPEL IS GOOD NEWS in a world that knows only bad news.—*E. G. Homrighausen*

☉ THE BIBLE IS STILL the only way out of the darkness. For the last man it is still a lamp to his feet and a light to his path.—*F. C. Stifler*

☉ WE CLAIM THE BIBLE to be our rule of faith and practice. It may be our rule of faith, but unfortunately our practice has neither been too biblical or too Christian.—*G. Pitt Beers*

☉ WE HAVE TOO MANY ORGANIZED Baptist fellowships among us, Roger Williams Baptist Fellowship, Conservative Baptist Fellowship, Fundamentalist Baptist Fellowship. The latest is Northern Baptist Fellowship. What we really need now is fellowship.—*Edwin T. Dahlberg*

☉ SOME PEOPLE HERE SAY I am a liberal; others say I am a conservative; still others that I am a fundamentalist. I do not yet know what I am over here, but back in Sweden I am simply a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.—*Joel Sorenson*

☉ GEOGRAPHICALLY I AM A DISPLACED PERSON, but spiritually I feel at home among Baptists everywhere.—*Adolf Klaupicks*, of Latvia, recently released from a "displaced persons" camp in Germany.

☉ IN THE UNIVERSITY OF SHANGHAI we wisely refrain from teaching Chinese politics; but we vigorously insist on teaching good Chinese citizenship.—*Henry H. Lin*

☉ A WORLD OF MATERIAL EFFICIENCY will no longer tolerate spiritual mediocrity.—*Edward H. Pruden*

☉ WE CALL THE BIBLE THE WORD OF GOD, but it is not the Word of God until we so listen to it that we hear God speaking to us through it.—*G. Pitt Beers*

☉ LET THIS CONVENTION MARK THE END of our controversies with ourselves and the beginning of our controversies with our pagan world.—*E. T. Dahlberg*

☉ COCKTAIL CHRISTIANS are not the foundation on which the Kingdom of God can be built with lasting security.—*H. La Rue Cober*

☉ UNRESTRICTED COMPETITION and harsh, negative criticism are both un-Christian and deadly in their effects on our total Christian program.—*W. W. Adams*

☉ CONFUCIUS IS NOT CONFUCIONISM. Take Confucius away and Confucionism will survive. But Christ is Christianity. Take Christ away and Christianity has been dealt a mortal blow.—*Robert James MacCracken*

☉ THE CRUSADE FOR CHRIST THROUGH EVANGELISM will not succeed if people merely make a formal confession, profess a belief, participate in a ceremony, and unite with an organization. We can be content with nothing less than new creatures in Christ.—*G. Pitt Beers*

☉ IN ALL AGES CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP has meant only one thing—the unreserved acceptance of the Lordship of Christ.—*Robert James MacCracken*

Boardwalk Commentary

EDITORIAL COMMENTS ON INCIDENTS AND PERSONALITIES AT ATLANTIC CITY

① THE PRIZE STORY of the Convention concerns an expectant Baptist father who had brought his wife. One afternoon he became alarmed over her condition and asked President Dahlberg to announce that Dr. Morris (Convention physician) was wanted at the First Aid Room. Anxiously the expectant father paced the floor. Finally Dr. Morris appeared, but it was Dr. Paul Judson Morris, Ohio State Convention Secretary! The problem was then solved by summoning Dr. Howard M. Freas, medical missionary from Belgian Congo. Soon all was quiet on the First Aid Front.

① ON THE BOARDWALK a Negro boy, hardly 12 years old, was selling the afternoon papers. "Read all about it," he shouted, "One thousand churches left the Northern Baptist Convention." Of course he had reference to the statement by fundamentalists that more than 1,000 churches in the Northern Baptist Convention were withdrawing support from the Convention. Whatever may be the basic cause for this divisive movement, it really should cause deep humility, chagrin, and concern to have a Negro newsboy shout to every passerby on the Atlantic City Boardwalk that Baptists are a divided and not a united people.

① NO TRIBUTE TO THE PRESIDING GENIUS, parliamentary leadership, scrupulous fairness, amazing patience, exquisite humor, and generous courtesy of President Edwin T. Dahlberg could have been finer than his unanimous election to a second term. The prolonged and enthusiastic applause evidenced solid satisfaction. Only three other Baptists have been honored by election to more than one term as President of the Northern Baptist Convention, Dr. Henry Pratt Judson in 1909 and 1910, Dr. Emory W. Hunt in 1911 and 1912, and Henry Bond in 1913 and 1914. Two others, Dr. Joseph C. Robbins and Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, because of war conditions which cancelled the Conventions scheduled for 1943 and 1944, served two years, but each presided at only one Convention.

① FIVE TIMES THE NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION has met in Atlantic City. The first occasion was during the First World War in 1918 when Mr. George W. Coleman was President. Distinguished visitor was Dr. Reuben Saillens of France who closed his stirring address by singing the French national anthem while the huge audience cheered. More dignified was the next Atlantic City Convention in 1923

under the presidency of Dr. Frederick E. Taylor. Then 17 years passed and the Convention came to Atlantic City in 1940, when the late Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke told of the desperate plight of England in the first year of the Second World War. Four years passed and a real "war" convention assembled in Atlantic City in 1944 with its stormy session when Dr. Daniel A. Poling offered a resolution to commit the Convention to total support of the war effort. Now another uneasy and anxious era of peace has come and Baptists again met in Atlantic City.

① WHEN A HEAVY MIST creeps into New York from the harbor, people merely shrug their shoulders, call it a fog, and go about their business. The Londoner calls his fog usually more dense and impenetrable, "pea soup." In Atlantic City a Negro elevator operator had a beautiful and truly poetic name for the fog that drenched the boardwalk just as Convention delegates assembled for the Wednesday morning session. As the Editor debated within himself whether or not to wear his raincoat, the elevator man said reassuringly, "It's only liquid sunshine."

① IN ATTENDANCE AT THE ANNUAL DINNER of the Council on Christian Social Progress was the largest crowd, more than 540 persons, since this annual feature at the Convention was inaugurated. The speaker was Dr. Ralph W. Sockman. For nearly 40 minutes he gave a most illuminating address on Russia, based on his observations during his visit there last fall. He pictured life, people, Stalingrad war ruins, government, and church conditions. Although the churches were crowded to capacity, he was impressed by the absence of young people. His explanation was that communism had given to Russian youth the social passion as a substitute for what Christianity gives to youth but which was utterly lacking in the Russian Orthodox Church before the communist revolution. Likewise was he impressed by the distorted news of the United States which was featured in Russia, such as reports of strikes, brutal lynching of Negroes, and government price controversies in Washington. With such inadequate news coverage it is not surprising that the Russian people fail to understand the real sentiments and friendliness of the American people.

① THERE WERE MANY COMPLAINTS about the late adjournment at the evening sessions. It was invariably long past 10 o'clock before the evening

programs were concluded. The Friday evening pageant did not end until 11:12 P.M., and this was possible only because one episode was omitted entirely. Program committees never learn from previous experience. On the Boardwalk afterwards a delegate was overheard to compare the duration of the pageant with the duration of a Wagnerian opera. "There is this difference," said he. "At the opera house there are at least two intermissions."

① **PRESENT AT ATLANTIC CITY** were 11 former Presidents, E. H. Rhoades, Jr., W. C. Coleman, J. H. Franklin, J. M. Brougher, E. V. Pierce, Mrs. L. E. Swain, A. J. Hudson, C. O. Johnson, C. E. Milliken, E. A. Fridell, W. S. Abernethy.

① **THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN MALDEN, Mass.,** located not far from the birthplace of Adoniram Judson, first American Baptist foreign missionary, showed far-sighted wisdom in sending a delegation of 13 of its young people, contributing \$10 toward the expenses of each. None of the group had attended a Northern Baptist Convention heretofore. It was for them an experience of the highest educational and inspirational value. Dr. Hillyer H. Straton, their pastor, now has in his church membership a group of young people well informed on the denomination, its world mission and historic principles.

① **FORMER RECORDING SECRETARY CLARENCE M. GALLUP** who retired last year and was succeeded by H. R. Bowler, used the intervening year to write a brief history of the Convention that involved extensive research into its archives and records. Only Dr. Gallup with his genius for historical research could have done it. His own long connection with the Convention enabled him to draw on his personal recollections of Convention events, trends, achievements, and personalities, many of them no longer living. This interesting and exceedingly valuable history is published in the April, 1947, issue of *The Chronicle*, the quarterly publication of the American Baptist Historical Society.

① **DISTRIBUTED** in all hotels was an illustrated, pocket-sized guide-book of 48 pages, published by the Atlantic City Amusement Company, and entitled "AMUSEMENTS—Where to Go and What to See." Following the pages listing moving picture theatres, skilo and tango, card schemes, clairvoyants, dance halls, etc., came the page and a half, still under the heading AMUSEMENTS, listing the 48 Atlantic City churches, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and undenominational. Did the printer make an error, or have churches fallen into the category of amusements contributing to the entertainment of life rather than to its inspiration and regeneration?

① **HUMOR WAS NOT AS ABUNDANT** as at other conventions, perhaps because of the serious world situation and the importance of the program themes. Occasionally flashes of humor enlivened the proceedings. Everybody had a hearty laugh when President Henry H. Lin of Shanghai University with choice Chinese naivete said that his wife who was with him ought to thank the University of Shanghai unceasingly because that is where she found her good husband! Another wave of laughter swept across the hall when Dr. C. E. Seasholes, believe it or not, violated a point of order by talking in favor of a motion that had not yet been presented. When the President interrupted, Dr. Seasholes turned to the microphone and apologized to the Convention, whereupon Dr. Dahlberg instantly replied, "Freely I grant you presidential absolution." On another occasion Dr. Earle V. Pierce was debating a resolution. Just as he finished, the President stepped quietly behind him. In a whisper he told him that he had one minute more. The microphone carried the whisper to the entire audience. It was as funny to Dr. Pierce as to the crowd which laughed heartily at the unusual phenomenon of a debater not using up his time.

① **FINAL ENROLMENT** showed 3,552 delegates and 775 registered visitors, a total of 4,327. Much interest was aroused in the registration of delegates from Virginia, Kentucky, New Mexico, Maryland, South Carolina, and Florida. There were only a few in each case and presumably the states represented their residence and not church membership. Registered visitors from foreign lands represented the following countries, Australia, England, Canada, China, Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hungary, India, Italy, Latvia, Estonia, Sweden, and one visitor registered himself as from the United States Army.

① **ONE OF THE MOST DELIGHTFUL EPISODES** came when President Dahlberg announced that Former Convention President W. C. Coleman was that day celebrating his 77th birthday. With instant spontaneity the entire audience rose and applauded. The pianist struck the familiar chords, "Happy Birthday to You," and everybody joined in singing it with fervor and sincerity.

① **THREE precedents** were broken at Atlantic City. There were no Sunday sessions because the auditorium was not available on Sunday. For the first time the Convention opened with an evening session instead of a forenoon session with its array of preliminary confusions. And for the first time the Convention opened with a service of worship and the annual sermon. This proved to be so auspicious and satisfactory that many delegates voiced the hope that it would be standard procedure hereafter.

Wild Orchids Now Bloom Where the Missionaries Died

By JOHN E. SKOGLUND

WHAT has happened to Hopevale? Lovingly and beautifully built by the late Dr. Francis Rose, has the famed Cathedral Glen been given by nature back to the jungle? What has happened to the remains of the missionaries?" My trip to Hopevale was arranged in order to answer these questions and to personally visit the place so sacred to Baptist history. So three of us, Rev. Ralph George, Iloilo station missionary, Dr. Henry Waters of the Iloilo Mission Hospital and I, planned to make the trip. However, Dr. Waters had that inevitable emergency in the life of a doctor, the arrival of a baby, and was unable to begin the trip with us.

We left late on a Friday afternoon, driving 60 kilometers by jeep, mostly over cobblestone



The narrow and steep trail to Hopevale was not easy, especially on a humid tropical day

roads. Someone has well said: "The jeep was invented to make the American soldier wish he were out of the army." The Philippines are full of jeeps. The entire army surplus seems to have been dumped there. Most of them have been converted into busses called "jeepneys". It is quite an experience to ride in one with 30 other people jammed inside, on top, and even

After a long and arduous trek through tropical jungles a visiting divinity school professor from California finds the spot where the martyred missionaries in the Philippine Islands had found temporary refuge and had built one of the loveliest chapels on earth. Here they lived and worshipped until their execution by the Japanese



Looking down on Hopevale. The clump of bamboo in the center is the execution site

sitting on the hood. Added to this is often a pig, squealing in the best pig-like fashion, two or three chickens, and an assortment of baskets, boxes, bunches of bananas and cans of kerosene.

We parked the jeep beside a small nepa (bamboo and palm thatch) farm house, shouldered our bed-rolls and set out for our immediate destination, the home of Mr. Rio, one of the strong Christian laymen of the area. To get there we had to ford the narrow river which marks the boundary between Iloilo and Capiz provinces. For most Filipinos this is a simple matter. They go barefooted, and a river is no obstacle. But to tenderfooted Americans a river is something else. We removed our shoes, threw

them across the river, took a good grip on our baggage and waded across. On the other side we took towels from our packs and carefully dried our feet before putting on our shoes. It was easy to imagine the Filipino farmer watching us, rolling in laughter, and saying: "The Americans, they are much too soft."

Near Mr. Rio's house we were met by a boy with a carossa which is a bamboo sled drawn by a carabao, the draft animal of the Philippines. The carossa had been sent by Mr. Dianala, pastor of the Katapunen church for 16 years, to carry our baggage up to Katapunen where we planned to spend the night. We were warmly greeted by Mr. Rio. Mr. Rio and Mr.



The Katapunen Baptist Church in which are kept the remains of the martyred missionaries

Dianala are consecrated Christians, and the two most responsible for the care of the missionaries at Hopevale. The children of both families have been or are being educated in Central Philippine College. Miss Becky Rio is an outstanding member of the college faculty.

Katapunen is a hill village about three miles from the road. Slowly we climbed the rolling hills planted with sugar cane, coffee beans, and sweet potatoes. Occasionally in some lowland area we passed a rice field, the stalks heavy with rice, ready for harvest. Here and there we saw a few carabao having their evening wallow. The carabao to keep happy must have a mud-hole in which two or three times a day he can

coat himself thoroughly with mud. It is difficult to know if the slate gray color of the carabao is due to his daily mud baths or to natural inheritance. A half a mile along the trail we saw the upturned rusted wreckage of what had once been the Immanuel Hospital Ambulance. As he was fleeing the Japanese, Dr. Frederick W. Meyer had driven it as far as he could toward Hopevale. Then it had to be dumped off the trail into a bamboo clump for concealment.

About a mile from Katapunen it became dark. We noticed that the boy was pushing the carabao as fast as he could. We thought that it might be due to his natural desire to get home for supper. However, a little way on we were met by a large delegation from Katapunen. They were led by Mr. Dianala, who said: "We are glad to see you. It is not safe to be out here at night. There are many bandits in these hills. Last night when I returned to my home from a pastor's conference, I found the whole village deserted. They had all gone to the hills to hide



Isaac's hut on the site where stood one of the temporary homes of the missionaries

from the bandits." So we walked warily the rest of the way, but no bandits sprang from the surrounding jungle, and after a short time we arrived safely at Katapunen. This village, consisting of about 50 families with a church, a four-grade school, and seven houses, is on a hill overlooking the surrounding territory. The remaining families live on their nearby farms.

The buildings are all constructed in native fashion of bamboo and palm thatch. The church and the school have dirt floors. The houses are on stilts with bamboo strips for flooring. This makes sweeping easy. A slight swish of the broom and the dirt is gone down to what ever is beneath. The Dianala's house, larger than most native houses, is built on two levels. On the lower level is the kitchen and dining room. There are no walls around these rooms, only a palm thatch roof overhead. The cooking is all done on a native stove. This consists of a rectangular wooden box, filled with about four inches of clay. An open fire is built on the dirt. The cooking pans are supported by stones or iron rings. The sala (living room) and two bedrooms comprised the upper level. In the sala was a portable organ which had been the property of the missionary Erle Rounds. The two youngest Dianala children entertained us by playing familiar hymn tunes.

After a supper of soup, stewed chicken and vegetables, fried egg-plant, rice, fruit (bananas, pumelos, and babanas, a large, very juicy pulpy fruit which left a cottony residue in the mouth), and home-grown coffee, we retired on our bed-mats spread on the bamboo floor. During the night there were many strange sounds, among them many shots, but we paid little notice. We thought it only a part of the usual jungle noises. After breakfast the next morning we started the long hike to Hopevale. We were accompanied by Mr. Rio, Mr. Dianala and three boys. The boys carried fruit, water, and chicken stew for lunch. Each had his bolo. No Filipino farmer is ever seen without one. It is used as knife, axe, and hoe.

The hike to Hopevale was over rugged country. We climbed up long steep hills and trekked across deep valleys. Here and there we passed a farm with its pitifully small native house. In spite of their poverty, many of these farm people shared sacrificially of their meagre substance with the martyred missionaries at Hopevale. Most of them are Christians and belong to the church at Katapunen.

As we trudged up the last long hill before dropping down into Hopevale, we heard a shout from about a half a mile back: "Mr. Dianala, Mr. Dianala!" Instantly he and Mr. Rio said: "The

bandits! They are in Katapunen!" We turned about immediately. But as the boy came closer he became more distinct, "The American doctor is coming." As we trained our field glasses on a distant hill we saw two men coming our way. They were Dr. Waters and Prof. Baban of Central Philippine College. When they had caught up with us they told us that they had left Iloilo at five A.M. They reported that the bandits had been rounded up during the night. The shooting which we had heard had been part of a night-long battle between the military police and the outlaws about a half a mile from where we had slept. In all they arrested 61 desperadoes. So ended our bandit experience.

Our trip into Hopevale was via the "Eagle Scout Trail," so named by Erle Rounds because of the severity of its ascent, and in contrast with the easier "Tenderfoot Trail." We had not gone many yards down the steep trail before the cry went up from the "soft Americans" for walking sticks. The boys quickly selected proper ones from the jungle growth and cut them to size with their bolos. We slipped and slid on the slick cochin grass and slimy mud, scraped ourselves on rocks, always wary of the sharp three-edged sword grass. It is amazing that missionaries, some of them old and sick, could navigate such terrible terrain. After about 15 minutes of almost vertical descent, we reached a small stream. After following this into the canyon, we were shown the first encampment of the Americans. Under the overshadowing brow of a gigantic cliff and amidst the dense jungle growth they had almost perfect concealment. However, the prevailing dampness eventually drove them to seek more healthful sites on higher ground.

A short distance on we left the creek and walked up a narrow canyon which suddenly widened into Cathedral Glen. There, with only the materials of the jungle, the loving hands of Dr. Francis Rose had fashioned one of the loveliest churches on the earth. Against the giant banyan tree stands the altar with its cross of wood. On either side is the stone pulpit and reading desk. Beneath is the floor laid with stone and surrounded on three sides with stone benches. These are backed by stone walls. Here and there in the wall's niches still grow the begonias and orchids gathered from the surround.

ing hills to make this outdoor chapel more beautiful. As silently we sat with heads bowed, it was not difficult to imagine Dr. Frederick W. Meyer at the organ, Erle Rounds at the pulpit, Mrs. Meyer and Miss Dowell singing, and the rest in worshipful meditation. What strength, what infinite power to endure must have been theirs as together they found God in this place.

Leaving Cathedral Glen, we followed a path through dense jungle growth up a steep hill coming out above to a large clearing. This had been the home site of most of the missionaries and the others who had been with them after they had left the bottom of the canyon. We saw the places where once had stood the homes of the Roses, the Rounds, the Covells, Miss Erickson and Miss Dowell. Papayas, bananas, and sweet potatoes still were growing in the gardens which they had once cultivated. Their houses had all been burned, but the sites could be plainly identified. A mountaineer with the biblical name of Isaac is now occupying the land which had been cleared by the missionaries.

From the home sites we went down a steep hill, across a stream, and up to the hill where the martyred missionaries had been executed. We climbed the steep path, stumbling and sometimes falling over bamboo stumps, slipping on the sharp cochon grass, and becoming repeatedly mired in the mud. As we came near the top Professor Baban, who had been with the guerrillas during the war and has contributed a number of poems to the *Guerrilla Anthology*, said: "This is the via Dolorosa, and we are now climbing to Calvary." Finally we reached the crest of the hill, surmounted with its clump of bamboos. Here we paused, bared our heads, and silently remembered the great sacrifice of our missionaries. Beside the place where they had so valiantly died, a lovely lavender ground orchid was in bloom. We were told by Mr. Rio of the plans of the Baptists of Panay to make this the final resting place of the remains of the mis-

sionaries. Mr. Rio felt certain that the government would grant the land in Hopevale and its surroundings for a permanent memorial. Plans are also being formulated to establish a Christian agricultural village at Hopevale. It is Mr. Rio's dream that rural people may come to Hopevale to study means of improving their farming methods and home life, and live for a period of months under the influence of a strongly Christian community. Such a project was much in the dreams of Erle Rounds and will provide a living memorial. Beyond the hill and up the large creek was Immanuel Glen, the home of Dr. and Mrs. Meyers and Miss Jennie Adams. It is difficult to see how these could have traversed again and again the distance from their homes to attend to the medical needs of the others and to meet with them in the chapel. To reach Immanuel Glen we had to wade waist deep in the water.

It was a thrilling experience to see the large pool where on the Sunday before Christmas in 1946, a baptismal service for the mountain people had been held. This was part of the annual memorial service that will be held each year on the Sunday nearest the 19th of December.

We now began the long return climb out of Hopevale. At the top of the hill we paused for a long last look at Hopevale. Beneath was the valley with its steep walls and dense jungle growth. Directly below we could see the tall tree marking Cathedral Glen. Farther on were the clearings where once the homes had been, and still farther the hill with its clump of bamboos. As we stood there in meditative silence, it seemed as if we were witnessing the noble procession of the martyrs of all the centuries passing by. Among them were these faithful 11 missionaries and one 11-year-old boy, who had given themselves without counting the cost. In our hearts we heard the Master saying: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."



Lovely People and We Call Them Trailer Trash

By LILA MUNSELLE



A typical American trailer camp. Thousands of Americans now live in communities like this

THERE seems to be a widespread opinion among house and apartment dwellers that living in a trailer camp lowers the standard of living. That opinion is false! Of course trailer life restricts somewhat the social gatherings of a family, but it does not mean that such social life becomes immoral or intemperate or irresponsible.

The most galling words I have heard since we moved into "Trailerville" are these, "They are a different class of people!" The pastor of the local church which we attended for the past two years was most sympathetic when he learned that we had to move. An Army veteran had bought the house which we had been renting. But when he learned our destination the pastor whispered in horror, "Surely you are not moving into that Motor Camp?" As if it were a den of lepers, thieves, and morons. Or as if by merely changing the kind of a home I live in, I also lose my college education, my culture, my integrity, and my Christian faith. I admit, however, that I was a bit of a hypocrite as I breathed a sigh of relief when the postoffice agreed to give our family a street address because of our proximity to the road. My other neighbors must daily tolerate the humiliation of a trailer park address.

In your tours by car across the United States and in crowded communities you have often seen trailer camps where people make their more or less permanent homes. This article gives an intimate glimpse of what life is like in such an environment and should dispel the prejudice that too many Americans cherish against their fellow Americans who live in trailervilles.

Their children are called TRAILER TRASH in the public schools.

When we were forced to move we were compelled also to face a choice of high rent, poor living accommodations, street playgrounds, crowded neighborhoods and schools OR a trailer. So in choosing sunshine, low rent, uncrowded schools and playgrounds for our children, we seem to have also dropped into the class of mission work as far as the majority of denominations are concerned. And a few of our social "friends" find it better to ignore our existence.

The Christianity I believe in does not divide people into classes. It makes brothers of all men. It guarantees freedom of worship, yet demands that we be guided by the principles of Christ.

If we cannot break down the barriers within our own race, how can we dissolve the hatreds between races? Jesus had no boundaries to his friendship. The kind of a house a man lived in was not His primary interest. He walked with Samaritan or Jew. He considered none inferior or incapable of understanding his message.

Before I became one of these "Trailerites", I too felt they were just a little beneath me and my comprehension of life. Discussing their plight in an adult Sunday school class, I agreed they needed mission workers to guide them to a better life, and that mission work was required among these poor misguided souls who lived like gypsies and dared to flaunt convention.

Since living with them six months I have found many friends. Most of them have enjoyed trailer life for five or ten years. Their reasons for living in trailers are much the same as ours. Many do not have an income to ever assure them of a home, such as I cherish. Their children live where they can play and laugh instead of tiptoeing through apartments. These parents got tired of the NO CHILDREN OR NO PETS clauses in their apartment house leases. In "Trailerville" the old folks find independence and they are no burden to their children. They still are comfortable and happy. To some this trailer home gave the chance to start their own businesses because it lessened overhead expenses. Others must travel and wanted their families with them. But I have found no irreligious people.

Most of these people stay out of the surrounding churches because of the feeling against their type of home. They send their children to the local mission Sunday school so that they might get some religious group experience. But all of them resent any feeling that they need to be saved by people who can afford to live in a house.

There is one great advantage of living in a trailer that should be experienced by all families. There is no room for family quarrels, and no place to go and sulk. Children have to play together. There is no room for individual recreation. No other home calls for so much cooperation and consideration.

While it suggests "economy" it does not advertise "cheapness". Many families enjoy concerts, good plays, art lessons, that would

be denied them by more pretentious living.

In a crowded trailer park there is definite respect for public and private property. Everyone has at least one pet. Yet we have no poisoned dogs or cats, and no reports about annoyance. Two roads kept for older people are "out of bounds for children," and they respect the law. Learning to use cooperatively the showers and washroom, the children are more conscious of their responsibility. They learn to leave the facilities as clean as they want to find them.

There is always a helping hand and very little inharmony. It is one of the most peaceful and amicable neighborhoods in which I have ever lived. Two rules are in force at all times. One is, "No excessive use of hard liquor," or you move out. The other is, "Fight if you must, but inside with doors and windows closed." The neighbors are quick to welcome newcomers and make them feel at home, much quicker than in other neighborhoods I have lived in.

If we could lick the problem of class distinction during the war, why can't we lick this problem with the same spirit of Christian friendliness. It would take time and effort. You who live in houses would in all probability be snubbed at first. Yet, you built the barriers, so it is up to you to remove them.

On Sunday morning a cheerful voice calls over the loud speaker at our camp. "Come to Sunday school in the club house. Come to Sunday school, all of you, it will do you good." How much better it would be to hear, "The First Community Church is here to hold services. We would enjoy your company. We have room for everyone," or, "The bus is leaving for local church services."

Surely this one branch of Home Missions would find it more profitable in Christian experience to establish a free bus service from trailer camps to their churches. Invite these people to worship *with* you. If the church is too small, then go to them in a body. Not to do them good, but to do yourselves good.

Jesus said, "Judge not that ye be not judged." He cares not about the size of the house, but about the quality of the heart. I am sure He smiles when He walks the sunlit paths of a trailer camp just as surely as He frowns when He stumbles through the crowded apartment buildings where children and pets are forbidden.

He must be happy to see a boy with his dog, a girl cuddling her kitten. He must smile when He hears their happy feet.

If it were not for trailers these same children might be pilfering from dime stores, or sitting on fire escapes, or ganging up against the adult world. These same children might never know the joy of having pets and the responsibilities

they assume in taking care of them. Surely we ought to be as generous in our criticism of their homes? Friendship is what these people have to give. What have you to offer? Christian fellowship or critical opinion? I challenge you to examine their security, peace, and way of living. Do you possess the same amount of cooperation and consideration in your own homes?



A Gallant Little Band of Selfless People

An Army Captain's Appraisal of Foreign Missionaries

By CAPTAIN GEORGE REAL BELIVEAU

FOREIGN missions were of regrettably little concern to me before I entered the Army and came to the Far East. Privately I considered them a silly waste of effort engaged in by maladjusted individuals. Foreign missions always impressed me as if missionaries were interfering in the happy lives of innocent natives who were much better left alone.

Now I know better. If you could see the Orient with its teeming millions, its archaic customs, its complicated social structure, its poverty and disease, its filth and its horrible ignorance, and its thousands of religions and beliefs, then you would well know that the work of these selfless people in the field is actually the first spearhead of that much required world movement, The Brotherhood of Man, that must sweep the earth before a lasting peace can ever be achieved. If you could but know the obstacles in the path of missionaries, the almost insurmountable difficulties of religion, caste, tribe, custom, and ignorance which they face, you would see them as I do, a gallant little band, a pitiful handful who seek to bring to these people the kind of life they have never imagined, much less known. Here are the real patriots, the people who strive for a world wide understanding, a common meeting ground, so that our world may someday reap the harvest of peace.

Perhaps you never thought of foreign missionaries in that light. I never did until I came to the Far East. The two words, "foreign missions," can never again be casually dismissed by me. I have been here. I have seen their work. Now I know. If you are still my pastor when I return I shall ask for ten minutes of your sermon time some Sunday to tell the people that foreign missions are not wasted effort.

*(Extracts from a letter which Captain Beliveau sent to his pastor,
Rev. F. J. F. Peak, of the First Baptist Church, Demarest, N. J.)*

PERSONALITIES



Harold Cooke Phillips, this year's Lyman Beecher lecturer at Yale University. He is scheduled to preach the sermon at the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen

► IN ITS CHOICE of this year's preacher to deliver the annual Lyman Beecher lectures on preaching, Yale University honored not only the lecturer but also, itself and likewise the entire Baptist denomination. He is Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips of the First Baptist Church in Cleveland, Ohio. In a series of six lectures delivered April 15-17, 1947, before immense audiences on the general theme "Bearing Witness to the Truth," Dr. Phillips lectured successively on (1) What Is Truth, (2) Truth as Moral Reality, (3) Ways of Knowing the Truth, (4) The Sermon and the Truth, (5) The Preacher and the Truth, (6) Christ the Truth. The six lectures will soon be published in book form.

► THE COMMITTEE ON JUVENILE PROTECTION now has a National Field Director to encourage and guide Baptist Churches in the program of juvenile protection. Since March 1st Rev. Joseph L. Hughes, former pastor of the Crooked Creek Baptist Church in

Indianapolis, Ind., has been serving in that position. He is a graduate of the Bible Training School at Bible School Park, New York, and of Wheaton College. During his Indianapolis pastorate his activities included working with Juvenile Court authorities of the city, including the Detention Home. His office will be at 19 South La Salle St., Chicago, 3, Ill.

► REV. GEORGE W. SWOPE, former Director of the World Mission Crusade in New Jersey, has been



ABOVE: *Rev. Joseph L. Hughes, Field Director for Juvenile Protection*

appointed Eastern Director of Home Visitation Evangelism. He succeeds Rev. William J. McCullough who resigned to take effect June 1st. Mr. McCullough has served in this position since 1944. The new Director is a graduate of Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to his service with the World Mission Crusade he was pastor of the Parkside Baptist Church in Camden, N. J. Churches in the Atlantic Coast states that request his help in evangelism crusades should write him in care of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention, 158 Washington St., Newark, 2, N. J.

► THE CONTINUITY AND STABILITY of the Christian movement in China is best evidenced today by the

growing number of third and fourth generation Chinese Christians. Outstanding examples are two distinguished Chinese now visiting the United States, President and Mrs. Henry H. Lin of the University of Shanghai, which is maintained cooperatively by Northern and Southern Baptists. Dr. Lin is a fourth generation Christian and Mrs. Lin a third generation Christian, her two grandfathers having been pastors in Shanghai. Dr. and Mrs. Lin are en route to the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen to be held next month. While in the United States they have been filling speaking appointments North and South. During his Texas visit President Lin was awarded an honorary degree of Doctor of Letters by Baylor University. Mrs. Lin has been speaking before Y. W. C. A. and church groups. His address at the Northern Baptist Convention made a profound impression. (See page 356)

BELOW: *Rev. George W. Swope, Home Evangelism Director in the East*



President Henry H. Lin of the University of Shanghai

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A Monthly Digest from Letters and Reports of Field Correspondents



Preparing the ground for the Lord's Acre in Puerto Rico

They Planted the First Lord's Acre in Puerto Rico

After 33 years of service in Puerto Rico and four years in retirement in the United States, a veteran missionary makes a return visit to his former field, rejoices in its progress during the intervening years, and participates in a new venture in agricultural missionary stewardship

AFTER 33 years of missionary service in Puerto Rico, then four years' absence, I recently had the opportunity of a return visit and the privilege of participation in the organization of a new church, the dedication of a new rural church edifice and of a fine administration building for our popular Baptist Academy. I also participated in one entirely new enterprise for Puerto Rico, although more or less widely known here in the States, as "THE LORD'S ACRE."

Last summer Dr. Mark Rich of our Home Mission Society had as one of his most promising students at Green Lake a young Puerto Rican pastor. This young man, Jenaro Caraballo, had become enthused with the idea of "The Lord's Acre," so on his return to Puerto Rico he began working to

By GEORGE A. RIGGS

that end. When he learned of Dr. Rich's visit he planned to initiate this new venture during that time. This coincided with my own visit.

Caraballo called for us with his jeep. The ride over the insular hard surfaced roads was a thrill. When we left the road and started over an old, run down, ox-cart trail, it became an experience. Twice we thought the jeep would surely turn over. At other times it seemed as if it certainly must stall on the steep hills. But the jeep continued to roll along. Finally we reached the plot of ground where a considerable number of church members, women, men, girls and boys, had gathered. When we arrived they all assembled for the dedicatory service. Then the water was turned into their improvised irrigation ditches.

Fertilizer was brought, also a great tub filled with tomato plants, and a sack of beans. Men with hoes opened holes for the plants. Women and girls dropped in the fertilizer. Boys brought cans of water. Dr. Rich set the first plant in each row. All wished to have the plot honored by his doing this first planting. They watched him carefully. Later we learned that the general opinion was that he had done a poor job and that all his plants would surely die! Unnoticed by us, the people had carefully marked every plant he had set and their verdict was that not many would live. But before leaving Puerto Rico I learned through the amused pastor that all plants set by Dr. Rich were living and prospering; while quite a few, set by the local "experts" had died.

All had a good time. We drank fresh cocoanut water and Puerto Rican coffee. Before the work was entirely finished all the people again gathered together for a farewell prayer. Thus the first "Lord's Acre" was planted in Puerto Rico.



Secretary Mark Rich (stooping) setting out tomato plants in the Lord's Acre in Puerto Rico

The Night Has Been Long and It Is Still Dark

By ARCHIBALD M. CRAIG

NOTE—The writer is Town and Country Director of the United Baptist Convention of Maine. He recently returned from a brief visit to Europe and here records his impressions of conditions in Belgium and northeastern Germany.—Ed.

EARLY in the morning, accompanied by a French and German-speaking guide, I started on an automobile trip of 600 miles through southern Belgium and northeastern Germany. At sunrise I left the still quiet city streets of Brussels and I was on my way to Namur about 100 miles south. Here I first saw the terrible desolation and destruction left by the war. A large section of the city was in ruins. Temporary bridges spanned rivers. Where homes once stood only rubble now remained. All along down into the towns of Marche, Hamoir, and Trois Pontus the country roads were lined with abandoned American and German heavy tanks. Some had been turned over by land mines. Others had stopped where they stood when hit by shells. I could have counted hundreds of tanks, army automobiles, and planes rusting on the roads and in the fields. In this area are three American cemeteries, one of 20,000, another of 8,000, and the third of 10,000 American soldier graves.

I continued on to the cities of Saint Vith, Recht, LaRoche, and Bullange. Before the war all had been fair sized towns of from four to ten thousand population. All that remains of Saint Vith and Bullange is rubble. The two cities had been blown to pieces. Recht and Bullange are just a little better off. Trenches and barbed wire still covered the streets. Sign boards along the roads read, "This road

demined only to the ditches." Since the roads were no wider than 12 to 14 feet I did not feel any too secure. A group of men employed in demining said that it would take at least two years to reopen all the roads. The Burgomaster of Bullange told me he cannot use his fields, or even let his cows graze in them because the fields are not yet demined. The guide then took me to what was left of the once beautiful city of Malmédy. I was shown pictures of the city as it was before the war. What it now is would make you weep.

I was impressed by the determination and courage of the people of these towns. I watched them digging out the stones of their broken and blasted homes, and lay them again on new foundations. No carpenters and no laborers were available. Each man must rebuild his own home, a heartbreaking task especially in old age.

The Burgomaster of Bullange drove with me to the German towns of Rocheratt and Losheimergraben just inside Germany. That night I had dinner at the home of a German family who lost two sons and one daughter in the war. The only remaining son and his girl friend served the meal. The entire family had served in the German army including the young lad who waited on me. They did not like Hitler and were bitter against him. During the German retreat, their home was reduced to ruins. With the advance of the American army the road became a bog of mud. The stones that once had been their home were carried away and dumped into this sea of mud to build a road for the trucks and tanks. In vain the old father and mother pleaded that the stones be left so they could build again. Their request was denied. After the war the father and mother and the young daughter pulled back the stones from the roadway and re-

built the house. The old man said to me, "At my age what is the use?" In every direction as far as the eye can see are burned-out forests and destroyed machines of war. In a nearby field lay the bodies of almost 60 German soldiers whom the German authorities had not yet removed. Bomb-blasted trees and scrubwood guard the bodies well.

I visited also the scene of the bloody "Malmédy Massacre" in which 132 American prisoners were machine-gunned. Here now stands a 50-foot stone cross with bronze plaque suitably inscribed. The American flag flies from the mast-head in tribute to America's gallant dead.

War is hell and its results are worse. For many years to come, both the vanquished and the victor will feel unspeakable horror and heartache with chaos and deep suffering. Is there not another way to settle our differences? There is, and the church of Christ must lead the way. As I looked upon all this terrible destruction and desolation, I realized I was gazing only at the surface. I thought of the souls of the men and women living here, tortured and wracked by cold, misery and despair. Will the signing of a Peace Treaty bring peace to them? No!! All around is the evidence of hate. When will the true dawn come for a tortured and troubled Europe?

It is still dark and the night has been long.

The Vick Baby Arrives

By JEANNE B. FRAZEE

BAPTIST Headquarters in New York received the news with excitement. "The Vick baby is coming!" said the announcement. "He is due to arrive on the T.W.A. plane at La Guardia Airport at 1:50 P.M." At last little Paul Vick, whose parents and brother were



Foreign Secretary E. A. Fridell and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vick, parents of Rev. Robert A. Vick, welcoming their grandson and only survivor of the airplane disaster in China in which his parents were killed

killed in an airplane crash in China, (See MISSIONS, April, 1947, pages 206-207) would have a chance to begin life again among loving relatives. We were happy too, knowing that his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Vick, and his aunts and uncles, will see that he doesn't lack for the devoted care which is due every baby.

How would Paul look after his long plane ride? Would he be recovered from the effects of the crash and his broken legs? These questions and many more were in our minds as we waited impatiently for the huge T.W.A. plane to land and taxi slowly to its designated stopping place on the field. His grandparents and aunts had been waiting since morning for the plane, they were so eager to see him! Before the photographers took their pictures of 18-months-old Paul we were allowed a few moments on the plane to see him and his special stewardess. Paul "took to" his grandparents immediately and seemed to like the rest of us too! The stewardess reported that Paul had slept and enjoyed himself.

He quickly became accustomed to the photographers' shouts: "Just one more!" "Hold it!" "That's good!" "Take his scarf from his face!" "Hold it, hold it, hold it!"

The photographers wanted a picture of Paul alone, and his grandfather put him down on the portable stairs leading to the plane. Perched there he grinned and decided he didn't mind the photographers after all. In childish delight he threw down the large green felt elephant that Frank Sinatra had given him during the trip, hugged it when it was returned, and threw it down again.

After the noisy photographers left, Paul was given a chance to walk. Yes, his broken legs had mended and holding to someone's hands, he *can* walk.

Foreign Secretary E. A. Fridell, of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, a friend of the Vick family, was at the airport to meet the baby. He was delighted at the health and good spirits of Paul, whose bright blue eyes often sparkled with laughter after he felt more "at home." Carried in his

grandfather's arms and surrounded by his grandmother and aunts, Paul left for his new home with his grandparents in Rochester, N. Y.

The Totem Pole Comes to Green Lake

Complete with Totem Pole and furnishings from Indian Baptist churches the Bruce Kinney Memorial Indian Village on the Northern Baptist Assembly Grounds at Green Lake, Wis., was opened for guests in May. The village is a colorful attraction for visitors and a comfortable place of residence for guests. With its tepee and pueblo-type buildings it carries out the original idea of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kraft of Chicago, Ill., who provided the funds to build and equip it. The village was dedicated during the 1946 Green Lake season. (See MISSIONS, November, 1946, page 540.) The new Totem Pole is a gift of Mrs. James L. Kraft. It is the Salakushid Totem with Sun on Top. It symbolizes the legend of Klisatagiki, son of the Sun and an Indian maiden of the Haida Indians in Washington. Commissioned by his aged father, the Sun, to take over the task of escorting the sun across the heavens each day, he grew tired and failed in his assignment, so that the earth burned and the mountains melted. Enraged, his father sent slaves to seize the boy, take back the sun, and throw the boy back to earth. The Indian Village is still in need of authentic Indian objects, pottery, baskets, rugs, etc. for additional furnishings and decorations and appeals are being made to white as well as Indian churches for contributions. The village thus takes its place along with the other attractions at Green Lake. The buildings and cottages, and above all the lake and the woods, all are there to welcome the visitor as delegate to a conference or as a visitor in search of a restful vacation.

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June's Lovely Brides and Weddings And the Rising Tide of Divorce

A CARTOONIST recently pictured a session of the Board of Directors of a food products company. Concerned over the downward sales trend of its once popular breakfast cereal, the President points to a chart that shows the steep upward divorce trend, and he says, "Under present conditions we should stop production of the large family size package." Too many Americans are inclined to view with sarcastic humor the collapse of marriage in the United States. They ought to be mightily disturbed. In 1919 there were 141,527 divorces granted in the United States. In 1929 the total was 201,468. In 1939 the figure exceeded 251,000. In 1947 it is estimated that divorce will total 550,000, more than twice as many as in 1939. *One out of every three American marriages is headed for shipwreck.* Ten years hence, if the present skyrocketing trend continues, happily married husbands and wives still living with their original spouses will be as rare as snowflakes in Los Angeles. These dissolved marriages publicize to all the world the heartbreak of millions of men and women. They bring disaster to millions of innocent and helpless children. They undermine the stability and security of America which as a nation cannot survive on a foundation of marital dissolution and broken homes.

Now that June is here again with its lovely brides and weddings these divorce statistics

should serve like the familiar warning at a railroad crossing—STOP-LOOK-LISTEN. Various reasons are cited for this dangerous trend. War-time marriages, consummated in haste and climaxed in 48-hour honeymoons, the pernicious influence of moving picture star divorces, housing shortages that prevent the establishment of permanent home life, lack of pre-marital counseling, and the lost sense of the sacredness and permanence of marriage, all are contributing factors. Perhaps the greatest single cause is an alarming decline in American morality. A popular magazine recently printed a shocking article, "Are Women's Morals Changing?". After a lecture tour among high schools and colleges in the United States, a Church of England rector told his congregation on his return home, as reported in *The New York Sun*, that 90% of American young men students and 70% of girl students were immoral. His limited observation surely does not warrant such sweeping charges. Nevertheless the divorce evil is here. Its danger cannot be removed by merely making divorce more difficult. No outside pressures and no obstacles to hasty marriage or to speedy dissolution can make marriage succeed.

A life-long happy marriage depends on three indispensables, true love, emotional maturity, moral character grounded in Christian faith. It is outside the province of the Christian church to pass judgment as to whether two of its young people love each other. But the church can and should help its young people in the attainment of emotional maturity, and should include pre-marital counseling in its program. Its greatest and most lasting contribution is the development of moral character in its young people and its undergirding by a strong, positive Christian faith. Maintaining its concept of the sacredness of marriage the Christian church must reemphasize the seriousness of this menacing divorce evil and assume new leadership in eradicating it from American life.

The Function of the Church College In a Spiritually Bankrupt World

DURING its recent 200th anniversary celebration Princeton University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity on the Archbishop of Canterbury who was then visiting

the United States. In one of a series of nine bicentennial sermons he discussed the relation between science and religion and declared that, "*There will never again be a conflict between science and religion if Christians hold to the faith that all truth is of God and if scientists acknowledge that their truth is not the whole of truth.*" Revolutionary was his contention that in a changing world the primary function of a college or university is essentially theological, for this is what he is reported to have said:

Every university should be essentially theological, imparting in every one of its departments not a fragment of unrelated knowledge, but a facet of truth which takes its appointed place in a faith, a hope, a doctrine, able to lift men above the confusion of their own ends and desires and passions into a controlled discipline of life and purpose, strong enough to deliver them from the bondage of things into the liberty of the sons of God. Of such a unifying faith the world at large is almost bankrupt.

It must be evident to any impartial observer that only a college or university under thoroughly Christian sponsorship and management, directly or indirectly related to the Christian tradition, and owing its origin to and receiving its main support from a Christian constituency, can most satisfactorily meet that primary function. In our spiritually bankrupt world any revival of a unifying faith must depend on Christian leadership and only the church and its church-related educational institutions can produce the required Christian leadership.

As in previous years our Baptist schools and colleges have been featured in MISSIONS' annual spring series of announcements. (See *March*, pages 132-137, *April*, pages 234-237, *May*, pages 300-303, and in this issue pages 365-368.) These colleges maintain high spiritual and intellectual standards and ideals. They have survived the disintegrating years of the war. They are prepared to do their part in the postwar era in bringing to their students a knowledge of that unifying faith that "will deliver them from the bondage of things into the liberty of the sons of God." Of such faith our world is indeed almost totally bankrupt. All that these Baptist colleges ask in return is the assurance that the denomination is enthusiastically committed to their support.

Southern Baptist Ecumenicity

Worthy of Northern Baptist Emulation

OCCASIONALLY MISSIONS has mentioned the "ecclesiastical isolationism" of the Southern Baptist Convention and has been criticized for so doing. Although "isolationism" continues to be evidenced by the Southern Convention's refusal to become a member of the Federal Council of Churches, or of the World Council of Churches, "isolationism" vanishes before Southern Baptist participation in the relief ministry of Church World Service. This agency undertakes relief throughout Europe and Asia in behalf of 24 American denominations. According to its report of December 31, 1946, the Southern Baptist Convention contributed to Church World Service the small sum of \$1,960 last year in *designated* gifts, but the munificent sum of \$275,320 in *undesignated* gifts, a total of \$277,280. Contrast this with the Northern Baptist Convention's \$121,523 in *designated* gifts and \$1,150 in *undesignated* gifts, a total of \$122,673. There are more than three million Southern Baptists in the United States and less than one and a half million Northern Baptists. While that would normally account for this huge difference in contributions, it does not account for the sharp North and South contrast in *designated* and *undesignated* gifts. Here is evidence of Southern Baptist ecumenical-mindedness. It is the finest kind of witness to the principle enunciated by Reconstruction Director J. H. Cockburn of the World Council of Churches who said,

The fundamental truth of the universality of the Church of Christ compels us to recognize that denominational giving, however natural, is not the highest, and that ecumenical giving is a real work of the Grace of God.

In contributing \$277,280 to Church World Service and more than 99% of the total as *undesignated*, which meant that it could be applied wherever and among whom in the judgment of Church World Service it would accomplish the most good and relieve the most suffering, Southern Baptists have shown a spirit of ecumenical generosity that is a real work of the Grace of God, and is worthy of emulation by Northern Baptists.

If Liberty is to be Secure

Eternal Vigilance is Still Its Price

AT FEARFUL cost in blood and treasure the American people removed the German and Japanese menace of totalitarianism. Their present mood of easy going acceptance of their own liberties as secure is perilous. According to *The New York Times*, two dangerous proposals have come from the Congressional Committee on un-American Activities. This successor to the old Dies Committee has proposed the creation of a Federal Commission with authority to discharge anywhere any federal employee "whose loyalty to the United States is in doubt." Nothing could do more harm than to give any commission unlimited power to roam all over the earth and in every government department arbitrarily discharge any employee merely because his loyalty was alleged to be in doubt. There must be definite and convincing proof of disloyalty and not mere suspicion or allegation. A second proposal is even more vicious. If enacted by Congress it would deny mailing privileges to all organizations responsible for the distribution of un-American propaganda. Who shall decide just what is un-American propaganda? Suppose some petty official, overly impressed by his own importance, were to rule that any publicity given to the vigorous and unanimously adopted Northern Baptist Convention resolution at Atlantic City against peacetime military conscription in the United States constituted un-American propaganda. His power so to rule could ban from the mails everything printed and distributed by the Northern Baptist Convention, its councils, commissions, and committees. Such dictatorial power would not only restrict constitutional freedom of the press, but it would be the essence of totalitarianism whose world menace was a primary cause of the second World War. How fantastic to propose un-American measures to root out un-American activities! Eternal vigilance is still the price of liberty.

Editorial ♦ Comment

♦ THE DEATH OF DR. PETER C. WRIGHT on May 5, 1947 in Wilmington, Del., while en route home from a winter sojourn in Florida, removes a man who for

55 years had been identified with the Baptist ministry and with Baptist corporate life. When the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board was incorporated in 1911 he was one of its charter organizers. When in 1926 its Executive Director, the late Dr. E. T. Tomlinson retired, Dr. Wright was unanimously and logically selected as his successor. From then until 1940 when he retired at the statutory age limit, he wisely, efficiently and courageously headed this great corporation that is committed to the welfare of Baptist ministers and missionaries. Under his sound leadership the Board emerged from the long depression with unimpaired financial integrity. It is today one of the strongest fiduciary institutions in the United States. Dr. Wright was a member of numerous committees and of the Federal Council of Churches. Prior to his connection with the M & M Board he had served in three outstanding pastorates, successively in Norwich, Conn., Philadelphia, Pa., and Hartford, Conn. He was a man of unimpeachable moral character and a fearless preacher of righteousness. He was blessed with an abundance of wisdom and good judgment, and a contagious radiating sympathy. His own virile Christian faith stood like a Rock of Gibraltar amid the tragedy that overwhelmed him when one after another three adult sons were taken away. He leaves behind him an imperishable record of noble service to the cause of Christ.

♦ AMERICAN BAPTISTS who have been hoping to witness the famed Passion Play at Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps of Germany next summer, following their attendance at the 7th Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, will be sorely disappointed to learn that the performance has again had to be postponed. Optimistically the Oberammergau Committee had planned a performance in 1946, first summer after the end of the war. Postwar conditions in Germany compelled its deferment until 1947. The continued scarcity of food, wartime scattering of Passion Play actors among whom also there were many military casualties, refugee congestion even in a little village like Oberammergau because of the heartless and ruthless expulsion of millions of people from Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Austria, merely because they were descendants of Germans who had migrated to those countries many years ago, all these conditions compel a further postponement. Moreover Alois Lang, who takes the part of Christ, is still a prisoner of war in Soviet Russia. For 300 years the Passion Play had been presented every 10 years in grateful remembrance of Oberammergau's deliverance from the black plague that swept across Europe in the 17th century. Hun-

dreds of American Baptists vividly remember the performance which they witnessed following their attendance at the 5th Baptist World Congress in Berlin in the summer of 1934. Thus the God of War and his associates, revenge, famine, misery, hatred, still occupy the stage in Europe. The greatest drama of history must wait until their stage exit is complete.

◆ A GOAL OF \$60,000,000 in 1947-1948 was set at last month's all-day conference in New York by representatives of 16 American Protestant denominations. This is double the amount contributed by American churches in 1946-1947. Huge as it may seem, the new goal will be tragically inadequate. "Unless European civilization is rebuilt on a spiritual foundation," declared Dr. J. H. Cockburn of the World Council of Churches, "all plans of economists and statesmen will fail." One half of the \$60,000,000 will be channeled through CHURCH WORLD SERVICE, (*interdenominational relief agency*), and the other half through denominational agencies. Confronting Northern Baptists is a momentous question. *What is our share?* Assuredly the pitifully small world relief sum of \$175,000 included in the world mission budget adopted at Atlantic City will not do what a great denomination like our own ought to do. The needs of the world will not be met merely by another collection on Sacrifice Sunday or on any other Sunday in the new fiscal year. Something far more revolutionary and financially upsetting to the complacent and luxurious American way of life will be required.

◆ THE ASSOCIATED CHURCH PRESS honored the Northern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in New York, April 16-18, 1947 in electing a Baptist editor as its President for the ensuing two-year term, 1947-1949. In its history of more than 30 years the Associated Church Press, which includes more than 200 church papers in the United States and Canada with a total circulation of more than 2,000,000 copies, has never had a Baptist President. The new President is the Editor of MISSIONS.

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Number 142

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Reviews of Current Books and Announcements by Publishers

BOOKS REVIEWED BY HERBERT W. HANSEN, ALFRED L. MURRAY, AND WILLIAM B. LIPPHARD

► WARTIME MISSION IN SPAIN, by Carlton J. H. Hayes, is an autobiographical record of the service rendered by Prof. Carlton J. H.

Hayes as U. S. Ambassador to Spain during the tumultuous period of the war when it was a matter of life and death to the cause of

England and the United States to keep Spain out of the war. Hence Ambassador Hayes, appointed by President Roosevelt, went to Spain

on a three-fold mission, (1) to prevent Spain from becoming an ally of Germany and Italy, (2) to encourage Spain to offer all possible resistance to German invasion or threat of invasion, and (3) to obtain from Spain all possible assistance for American and British economic and military efforts against Germany. How this mission was successfully accomplished is told in this book, interestingly, frankly, and with many revealing incidents. From the very beginning the author determined to refrain from any interference in the internal affairs of Spain and "to consign the Spanish Civil War to history and the future of Spain to the Spaniards." That was the accepted British and American policy because during the war it was imperative to keep Dictator Franco in control of Spain. That raises a fine question of global ethics. After Franco's cooperation, is it fair now to clamor for the removal of Franco? In a letter to the Spanish Dictator, which the book quotes in full, the late President Roosevelt signs himself as the General's sincere friend, and he pledges that "Spain has nothing to fear from the United Nations." Somebody ought to read that letter in a session of the United Nations Assembly! One of Ambassador Hayes' most difficult tasks was to persuade the State Department not to yield to the mounting American public opinion against the Franco regime. In this he succeeded brilliantly. He concludes his book, "I would leave Spain to the Spaniards. Left to themselves, they are no menace to their neighbors nor to the peace of the world and are opposed alike to domestic regimentation and to interference from abroad." The author is a devout and loyal Roman Catholic and it would be incredible if his church connection did not unconsciously influence his attitude. (Macmillan: 313 pages: \$3.00.)

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► **THE CHALLENGE OF OUR CULTURE**, edited by *Clarence Tucker Craig*, is the first of five volumes prepared for attendants at the national conference of theological students in June 1947. In this book six contemporary Christian thinkers seek to portray the paganism of our time. Joseph Haroutunian deals with "Men Among Machines", a depersonalized culture dedicated to money for the sake of power. In such a culture there are rivalries for power, and Elmer J. F. Arndt discusses three: contests for political, economic and ideological power. Buell G. Gallagher discusses "Racism and Color Caste". What these conflicts and frustrations do to the inner lives of people is set forth by Walter M. Horton. Amos N. Wilder discusses "The Spirit of Our Culture" and points the way to reintegration. The last chapter by James H. Nichols deals with secularism in

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► **THE CHURCH AND ORGANIZED MOVEMENTS**, edited by *Randolph Crump Miller*, the second volume in the Interseminary Series, deals with such questions as: How can we cooperate with those social radical movements which seem to be achieving political and social goals which an unaided church cannot attain? How can we discover fascist tendencies in organizations with other announced purposes? To what extent does social work actually fulfill the ideal of Christian charity? Are service clubs and lodges an asset or a liability? Is education a help or a hindrance? What cults are inside and what outside the Christian tradition? What should be the Christian approach to other religions? What resources, opportunities, and powers has the Christian church for its task? The writers in this provocative compilation are Randolph Crump Miller, Elton Trueblood, George Hedley, Howard Thurman, Buell G. Gallagher, Dwight C. Smith, Frederick West, Pierson Parker, Hugh Vernon White and Edward L. Parsons. The discussion is stimulating. Here is hard thinking in brief compass. (Harper and Brothers, 252 pages. \$1.50.)

► **PATHWAYS THROUGH THE BIBLE**, by *Mortimer J. Cohen*, is the work of a Jewish scholar to make the Old Testament more readable by careful select passages, rearrangement of verses, replacing obsolete words, and brief telling introductions to chapters and themes. The book will prove invaluable to all students of the Old Testament. (Jewish Publication Society; 548 pages; \$3.00.)

► **LAST REPRIEVE**, by *Edwin McNeill Poteat*, is a brilliant, yet fearful, discussion of humanity's predicament following its terrifying discovery that whatever the atomic bomb had contributed to the ending of the war, it had also revealed that "happiness and security are not to be found by the multiplication of scientific power." He quotes *TIME* magazine's report of Hiroshima, "the demonstration of power against living creatures instead of dead matter created a bottomless wound in the living conscience of the human race." Rightly he calls the present feeling of insecurity and anxiety as "This Stunning Fear," and he summons the historians, anthropologists, sociologists, endocrinologists, psychiatrists, psychologists and physicists to formulate for humanity some universal moral law to which man must now subject himself lest he use the new atomic power to destroy everything on this planet and indeed the planet itself. Dr. Poteat poses an interesting speculative question. Since man's power to bring about planetary annihilation enables him also to defeat the purposes of God, will God therefore intervene before man actually destroys himself and the earth, or must dependence on that theological assumption now be abandoned? Dr. Poteat does not answer the question. How would you answer it? (Harper and Brothers, 105 pages, \$1.00.)

► **CONTENDING THE GRADE IN INDIA**, by *James M. Baker*, is the autobiography of one of the most widely known Baptist missionaries. For 36 years, from his appointment in 1895 until his retirement in 1931, he was associated with the South India mission of American Baptists, and for 28 years as successor to the great pioneer John E. Clough at Ongole with its 18,942 church members. For the present generation of Baptists it is well to have a

new book that tells again the story of that amazing mission, its marvelous evangelistic achievements, and its record baptism of 2,222 converts in a single day. This interesting autobiography is filled with human interest incidents from boyhood through manhood that cover every phase of his long and distinguished career. How he knocked down a youth who had tempted him to strong drink, how he decided never to touch it, how he earned money as a traveling salesman, intimate glimpses into his college life at Rochester and his suggestion for doing away with freshman and sophomore disturbances, his theological seminary life, how he decided to be a foreign missionary after hearing Dr. Robert E. Speer, how he raised the money and built the Clough Memorial Hospital, how he suffered from amoebic dysentery—these and numerous other personal experiences are told in fascinating style. One of the most appealing incidents is that of the British Navy seaman who decided to rejoin his ship instead of deserting after he sat with Dr. Baker on a park bench and learned that he was left alone in India because his family, due to health reasons, had that very day sailed from Bombay to the United States. Likewise interesting are his many references to visitors from America, President and Mrs. A. H. Strong, Mrs. H. E. Goodman, Dr. Charles W. Gilkey, Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, Dr. Earle V. Pierce, and many others, all of whom "spoke in a wonderful way at our meetings and interested themselves in our difficulties and triumphs." The book is published in commemoration of

the 80th anniversary of the Ongole church which was founded with eight members in 1867. It has had only three missionary pastors, Dr. John E. Clough, Dr. James M. Baker, and Dr. Baker's successor, Thorlief Wathne, who contributes the story of the church since Dr. Baker's retirement. This book is a notable contribution not only to missionary biography but also to the history of one of the world's great foreign mission fields. (The Biltmore Press, Asheville, N. C. 297 pages. \$3.00.) (See also page 381)

► **THE GOSPEL, THE CHURCH, AND THE WORLD**, edited by *Kenneth Scott Latourette*, is the third volume in the stimulating Interseminary Series. Part I deals with the gospel. John Knox writes with penetrating insight on the revelation of God in Christ, Paul Scherer discusses the nature of the church, and W. Norman Pittenger portrays the Christian hope of a transfigured world. Part II deals with the church and the world. Dr. Latourette superbly sketches the history of the church and its meaning for today. Richard Niebuhr outlines the responsibility of the church for society and John C. Bennett deals with the limitations of the church. In Part III, called "The Present Task," Luman J. Shafer discusses necessary re-orientations in thought and life, and Elmer G. Homrighausen outlines the vocation of the Christian today. The basic question grappled with is: "Has the church the spiritual and moral resources to meet the present world crisis?" The volume is not content with facile replies but wrestles with the problem at its heart. (Harper and Brothers. 245 pages. \$1.50.)

Books Received

Evil and the Christian Faith, by NELS F. S. FERRE, Harper and Brothers, 173 pages, \$2.50.

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Day by Day at the Atlantic City Convention

Reported by WILLIAM B. LIPPARD

With the collaboration of Herman C. Tegenfeldt, Margaret G. Macoskey, and Clarence G. Vichert



A section of the audience in the Atlantic City Music Hall, half an hour before President Dahlberg began his address. Had the photographer waited until then the picture would have shown every seat on floor and in gallery occupied

Monday, May 19

EVENING SESSION

THE Atlantic City Music Hall with its 4,400 seats was completely filled when the Northern Baptist Convention began its 40th anniversary sessions here May 19, 1947, with an invocation by President Edwin T. Dahlberg. All joined heartily in the opening song service under the leadership of Rev. Elbert Gates, Jr. With deep appreciation they listened to a series of six anthems by the 60-voiced choir of Calvary Baptist Church of Washington, D. C., under the direction of Choir Director Clyde Holt, including "Spirit of God," just before the Convention prayer was offered by Program Chairman Gene Bartlett.

Convention preacher was Rev. Winfield Edson of the First Baptist Church, Long Beach, Cal. His subject was "Witnesses unto Christ," and his text *Acts 1:18*, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me." In a heart-searching, earnest, appealing message he emphasized the strategic and timely importance of the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism against the dark and ominous background of today's world situation with its six-fold menace of threat of a third world war, juvenile delinquency, postwar crime, consumption of liquor, rising tide of divorce, and the failure of education to produce the necessary moral leadership. Conforming to orthodox homiletics his triple sermon division expounded his theme (1) as witnesses to the

commission of Christ which meant Christ is our message, (2) the Holy Spirit as the power to discharge our responsibility as witnesses, and (3) the fields in which we are to be witnesses. We are to begin in Jerusalem, our own home community, among the people around the corner where it is always more difficult to witness than anywhere else. Beyond Jerusalem lies Judea which means our vast home mission fields with their numerous new communities. Beyond that lies Samaria which he interpreted as areas of class and color and race to whose problems we as witnesses must apply a Christian solution. Finally there are the uttermost parts of the earth which he briefly pictured as China with its 450 millions, India with its 350 millions on the threshold of a vast revolution, Africa, South America, Japan and Europe, now so desperately in need of a revival of religion. In a mood of consecration the audience sang, "O Master Let Me Walk With Thee," and President Dahlberg pronounced the benediction.

Tuesday, May 20

FORENOON SESSION

A BALMY sun and soft breezes from the sea on Tuesday morning presented delegates with a real temptation to spend the day on the boardwalk or the beach. Nevertheless an immense crowd gathered to listen to President Dahlberg's stimulating presi-

dential address. Hundreds of delegates were unable to find seats and had to stand. Basing his address on the passage in Deuteronomy, "Ye have compassed this mountain long enough; turn ye northward," he drew a parallel with present-day world and denominational conditions. In our corporate Baptist life we have been encompassing long enough the mountain of theological and organizational controversy. God is calling us northward into new fields of evangelistic and missionary endeavor. "There is no limit to what we can accomplish if we cease our controversies and come into full consciousness of our message and ministry." Likewise in our world situation humanity is still milling around the ancient obsessions of competitive armaments, peacetime military conscription, colonial rivalries and imperialisms, nationalistic and racial prides, when by turning northward from the mountain of brute force to the reconciling spirit of Christ, humanity can be freed from the menace and destruction of war. So he summoned Baptists in this 40th anniversary convention to challenge a war-weary, hungry, hopeless, destitute world, "*Turn you northward!*" With impressive eloquence he reviewed the 40 years of Convention history which coincided with the middle of one of the most fateful centuries in the history of mankind. "The year 1950 is drawing near. The first half of the 20th century, practically the period of our convention's existence, has been marked with death, starvation, despair, and the abomination of desolation. What will be the last 50 years of this century leading to the year 2000 and the beginning of the third millenium of the Christian era? Solemn considerations are before us during these four brief days here in Atlantic City. What a great and notable anniversary this would be if now, having circled this mountain of division, controversy, and dissension, we could radically turn and go northward into those mighty vistas of the future disclosed to us in the World Mission Crusade and the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism."

Prior to this address the Convention had disposed of the usual preliminary business. Mrs. M. R. Hoener in behalf of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention extended a joyous welcome. Three spokesmen, Rev. E. G. Roth, Pres. Sanford Fleming, and Rev. Isaac Higginbotham, respectively for Milwaukee, San Francisco, and Boston, invited the Convention to meet there respectively in 1948, 1949, and 1950. Chairman A. J. Hudson presented the report of the Finance Committee and said he wished he had some of the picturesque vocabulary of the three previous speakers to make his own report more humanly appealing. He explained how next year's unified missionary budget totalling \$6,100,000 was to

be allocated to the national, state, and city agencies, including the \$100,000 for the new crusade in evangelism. General Director Reuben E. Nelson of the Council on Finance and Promotion was given an ovation of applause as he announced the past fiscal year's total receipts of \$10,830,921, *the highest record since the first year of the New World Movement more than 25 years ago.* He reviewed briefly the promotional plans for the new year with special reference to a series of 100 Bible and Missionary Conferences from Maine to California.

The session closed with the usual meetings of the state delegations.

AFTERNOON SESSION

FOLLOWING the opening prayer by Miss Ellen Kimble of the Boston Christian Center, and a 15-minute concert by the Male Chorus of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, directed by Professor Joseph R. Bowman, the long list of appointments on the four convention committees, Order of Business, Place of next Meeting, Resolutions, and Nominations, elected at the state meetings, was read by Dr. Francis C. Stiffler. By the time this was finished, most of the delegates had come in from the boardwalk.

The feature of the afternoon was the 70th anniversary celebration of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society which presented in dramatic fashion its growth since 1877. With Mrs. Bernice Robinson as narrator, and Rev. Richard J. Oesting as pastor several tableaux and a series of stereopticon scenes pictured the Society's development and some of its missionary opportunities in the United States, Alaska, and Latin America. Mrs. Howard S. Palmer, President of the Society, was formally presented with a copy of "*The Beacon*," the annual of the Baptist Missionary Training School, which this year is dedicated to the Society.

Then followed several brief reports of different types of Christian work sponsored by the Convention



A group of participants in costumes of 1877 in the Woman's Home Mission Society's 70th anniversary



During the convention in 1944 the Boardwalk was filled with men in uniform. This year there were very few

under the title, *THE WORK WE SHARE*. Miss Ruth G. Maguire's report on the work of the Committee on Juvenile Protection was illustrated with stereopticon slides entitled, "Just Call Me Joe." Mrs. John C. Killian, Chairman of the National Committee on Woman's Work, reported on the aid given by this organization to women's work in the local church, the associations, and the state conventions. She introduced Miss Margaret T. Applegarth, who spoke of the great need for reaching the many as yet outside of Christ. The contribution of Northern Baptist men to the work of Christ was emphasized by Chairman Romain Hassrick of the National Council. Vice Presidents from the Eastern, Far-Western and Central areas, Ralph W. Lloyd, Gilbert B. Brink, John A. Dawson, respectively, told of projects sponsored or undertaken by Baptist men with special reference to boys' camps. President James L. Kraft of the Northern Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., reported on this enterprise declaring that, "thousands have received new spiritual devotion through a closer walk with God, and hundreds of youth have found Christ there. Some of these are going out to the mission fields this year supported by our World Mission Crusade." Chairman John A. Dawson of the Green Lake Finance Committee announced receipts of \$208,000 toward the \$225,000 needed for the complete payment of the purchase price. Program Director Richard Hoiland pointed out its tremendous growth in usefulness. More than 50 conferences, nearly 25 major, are to be held this summer in contrast to the four during the first summer.

President R. E. E. Harkness presented the annual report of the American Baptist Historical Society.

MISSIONS

"Across the centuries the great bond," said he, "which has united Baptists of different theological persuasions has been their loyalty to Christ."

With customary introductions and reading of citations the Rosa O. Hall Award for distinguished service in rural fields was awarded by Dr. Mark Rich, Secretary of Town and Country Work to Rev. Dominick F. Desist, Bridgeport, W. Va.; Rev. Ivan M. Cash, Syracuse, N. Y.; Rev. Leroy Franklin Emery, Georgiaville, R. I.; and Rev. Edward C. Dunbar, Flemington, N. J. Each for 10 years or more has done outstanding work in rural churches.

The session closed with half an hour of business. Registration fee for delegates to the next Convention was increased from \$2 to \$3. A committee was appointed to study the relationship of the Convention to the Federal Council of Churches.

Just before adjournment, a resolution calling for a doctrinal statement was presented by Rev. C. P. White and scheduled for consideration Wednesday morning.

EVENING SESSION

DETAILS of the Tuesday evening victory celebration of the World Mission Crusade had been kept a closely guarded secret. The mystery was accentuated as the audience slowly assembled in a darkened auditorium. After an organ prelude and several selections by the Male Chorus of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, featuring some of the great hymns of the Christian Church, the story of the World Mission Crusade was presented in drama and pageant form. Written by George Moll it followed the Crusader motif with Mr. Moll acting as the narrator, dressed in the costume of a mediaeval knight. Moving pictures depicted the destruction caused by the war. Changes which the war caused in America, such as the great shifts of population, with all the attendant evils, were next presented through the use of slides, and the audience began to realize the great needs which were to be met through the World Mission Crusade. Eye-witness accounts of the present situation in the Far East and in Burma were given by Secretaries E. A. Fridell and R. L. Howard, who had recently visited these fields. Several stirring tableaux followed, with the picture of the Robert A. Vick family, killed in an airplane accident, saluted by missionaries standing on both sides of the platform, and the young couple who have volunteered to take the place to which Rev. and Mrs. Vick were going when their lives were so suddenly ended. President and Mrs. Henry H. Lin of Shanghai University continued this emphasis on China, as they spoke briefly of the great needs for more missionaries. Similarly inter-

preted with brief dramatic presentations were the World Mission Crusade funds devoted to Home Missions. Such types of service as new churches, Christian centers, assistance to returning chaplains, and home visitation evangelism were each portrayed in challenging fashion. Leadership Training, and undergirding the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board were portrayed by a theological student and an aged retired pastor and his wife. Great was the applause and the joy when the World Mission Crusade total of \$16,163,601 was finally projected on the mammoth screen. The Singing Pastors, joined by the audience, sang, "World Mission Crusade" and "Lead On, O King Eternal." Toward the close, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, National Chairman, and Dr. Luther Wesley Smith, National Director of the Crusade, were presented and greeted with prolonged applause. Both responded briefly, expressing gratitude to those who labored for the success of the Crusade, and pointing out that the great task has but begun. Dr. Johnson then passed on a lighted torch to Dr. Sidney W. Powell, National Chairman of the Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism, saying as he did so,

Follow servant of Christ. I hand to you this torch, symbol of the sacred trust of Northern Baptists, and emblem of the True Light which it is our mission to carry to the ends of the earth. Be yours to hold it high, and to lead us on the next part of our way.

The session closed with a solemn pledge by the audience to the spreading of the gospel.

Wednesday, May 21

FORENOON SESSION

WITH Vice-President Mrs. H. G. Colwell presiding, the Convention opened with prayer by Rev. George Smart, missionary among American Indians. The first hour was assigned to Baptist education. Speaking for the Association of Baptist Educational Institutions, Dr. W. W. Adams reviewed the history of Baptist schools and the service rendered them by this association. President E. E. Smith of Sioux Falls College told how the colleges maintain a Christian emphasis in their curricula, and President D. S. Weaver of Shurtleff College described Christian activities on the campus. Secretary Donald Faulkner emphasized the purpose of all our schools in having them directed by men of Christian convictions, aware of the need for more trained Christian men and women in all walks of life.

Ominous and disturbing was the address by Dr. Milton C. Froyd based on a report of theological Baptist education. Some of his statistics are startling. Only 38% of Baptist ministers are products of Baptist seminaries. Other seminaries contribute 21% and

only a portion of them are standard accredited institutions. So-called Bible schools furnish 22%, while 9% come from colleges with one or more years training. The remaining 10% entered the ministry with only high school training. Furthermore, warned Dr. Froyd, Baptists are headed for an oversupply of ministers by ordaining and accepting from other denominations more ministers than are lost by death or retirement. This condition is destined to produce an unethical scramble for pulpits, competition between age and youth, and between educated and uneducated ministers, insecurity in the ministry, and a lowering of ministerial morale. He predicted a general denominational deterioration unless serious attention were immediately given to raising the level of the ministry, to a study of the denomination's leadership needs, and a program so daring and compelling that no church will call a minister who represents anything less than the best it can persuade to accept the call.

In a brilliant address President Henry H. Lin of Shanghai University thanked Baptists for the help in relief and reconstruction they had extended to China, for the missionaries they had sent in previous years, and he thanked God for his own Christian background, for he was a 4th generation Christian (see page 343), and his education and opportunity of service. He pictured vividly the suffering and poverty of China, the war wreckage and exhaustion, and the fearful inflation. Then with optimism and hope he told how the churches had met the crisis, in that 320 out of 400 Chinese Baptist churches are again functioning. Their membership increased from 70,000 to 100,000, and self-supporting churches had increased from 10% before the war to 35% now in spite of present hardships and poverty. He described the university, its plight during the war, the assassination of former President Herman C. E. Liu, the heroic generous service of the alumni in reopening it, its more than 1,000 students and its strong Christian emphasis. The Chinese Christians deserve more missionaries and funds. They have done their best, and they look to American Baptists for continued cooperation and aid. This Chinese University President made a profound impression and the audience gave him well deserved applause.

The resolution presented Tuesday afternoon which proposed creedal conditions for Baptist fellowship and service was now considered. A spirited debate followed to which the crowd listened with earnest attention and applause. The creedal resolution was not adopted, an overwhelming majority declaring that the Northern Baptist Convention shall impose no creedal test for fellowship or service. (See resolution on page 331)

The first of a series of devotional half-hours by Dr. Edward C. Pruden of Washington, D. C. closed the session. Basing his meditation on the Garden of Gethsemane passage in Luke, he described the various types of crises that confront humanity from time to time, international, community, and personal, and how some people lose their emotional equilibrium, others seek ways of escape, and others rise to the challenge of a great opportunity, as did Jesus when He faced the supreme crisis of the cross.

AFTERNOON SESSION

THE session opened with prayer by Miss Naomi Knapp, missionary to Bengal-Orissa. A large audience was present to hear President Charles P. Taft, of the Federal Council of Churches. His address was entitled, "We Bear Our Witness Together." Having had Baptist great-grandparents, although he is an Episcopalian, he emphasized the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers as basic in our democratic philosophy. Referring to the time of Cromwell in England, 300 years ago, Mr. Taft pointed out some of the beginnings of this emphasis during that period, which later on was embodied in American political life. The doctrine also means that God speaks to all who faithfully seek Him. Thus we have a duty to listen for God's word in the mouths of others. In this spirit the Federal Council of Churches seeks to carry on its work to coordinate the efforts of the different denominations, and to urge the application of Christian principles to social and economic questions.

Dr. Francis C. Stifler spoke on behalf of the American Bible Society, urging the churches on a worldwide scale to give men the word of God.

A stimulating Seminar on Evangelism, under the direction of Rev. George M. Derbyshire, was introduced by an address by Professor E. G. Homrighausen of Princeton Theological Seminary on, "Choose Ye This Day." He emphasized throughout that evangelism is the primary task of the church and of every Christian. Having recently returned from Europe, the speaker was able to illustrate vividly the evangelistic responsibility for the present day. The content of the evangel includes the great basic truths such as, the sovereignty of God, man's sin, the intervention of God into the world in a Person, the cross, the resurrection, and the marvelous indwelling Spirit given to every believer. In the ensuing forum, Rev. Charles Bell of Wisconsin, Rev. Franklin D. Elmer of Michigan, Rev. Gordon Poteat of Pennsylvania, and Rev. Ralph Knudsen of California participated.

Fraternal delegates from Baptists in Europe and from the United Lutheran Church of America were

then introduced. They included General Secretary W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance, Rev. Karl Coups from Estonia, Rev. Adolf Klaupicks from Latvia, Rev. Manfredi Ronchi from Italy, Rev. Joel Sorenson from Sweden, Rev. S. A. MacDonald from Australia, and Secretary Karl Reinhardt of the United Lutheran Church of America.

The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to Convention business. Two resolutions, one vigorously objecting to the continued service of Myron C. Taylor as President Truman's Ambassador to the Pope, and the other opposing the appropriation of tax funds to support parochial schools, were unanimously adopted. A third resolution, providing for the establishment of a new Baptist paper as an official organ of the Convention, was adopted after considerable discussion and some opposition.

EVENING SESSION

AFTER the opening song service and prayer by Dr. Royal H. Fisher, missionary to Japan, the Singing Pastors rendered several selections, climaxed with "Sail On," sung with vigor and deep conviction.

In an impressive Citation Ceremony the leaders of the successful World Mission Crusade were awarded with memorial certificates from the Convention. Recipients were Mrs. Leslie E. Swain, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson and Dr. Luther Wesley Smith. In customary felicitous response Dr. Johnson made special mention of the great contribution of Mr. and Mrs. James L. Kraft in service and gifts, and of the Crusade area, state and city directors, and of Mr. George Moll, who wrote the script for the World Crusade program.

A Baptist Youth Fellowship hour followed, with Miss Carrie Dollar, National President speaking briefly on the meaning of the Fellowship theme, "Jesus Christ is Lord." Special Music was provided by Valdeko Kangro, and Kaljo Raid, Estonian refugees now in America. Several brief dramatic sketches by young people pictured the great areas of youth problems where the church needs to face its responsibilities. They included realistic portrayals of the young sophisticated materialist, of the tough neighborhood gang, of the honest skeptic, and of the bewildered Christian young people without guidance in the local church. To each particular problem the answer of a Christian youth worker was given. Thus immensity and urgency of the task in reaching young people for Christ was forcefully brought to the attention of the crowded auditorium. Mr. Joel Sorenson, Baptist Youth Secretary in Sweden, spoke in high praise of the intelligence, vision, sincerity and consecration with which Baptist young people are approaching the problems of youth.

The closing feature was one of the greatest messages ever delivered to a Northern Baptist Convention. Dr. Robert J. McCracken, new pastor of New York's Riverside Church where he succeeded Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick a year ago, had as his theme, "The Lordship of Christ." The hour was very late when Dr. McCracken began speaking, but his message so stirred the audience as to hold attention to the very end. Emphasizing the fundamental truth that Christ is Christianity, and that without Him we have nothing, Dr. McCracken showed how Christ demanded complete and unquestioning obedience to His authority. Although He claimed that He existed from all eternity, that in Himself the Old Testament prophecies were fulfilled, that He had authority to forgive sin, and that He will be the final judge of men when He comes again, His many references to Himself never seem to have anything of presumption in them. Christ is not only the great example for mankind. He and God are indissolubly linked together. In conclusion Dr. McCracken showed how the witness of Paul, Peter, John and of the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews point clearly to the sole Lordship of Jesus Christ. It was a marvelous message, delivered with intensity and earnestness, in matchless rhetoric and beautiful choice of vocabulary. Many were heard to say later that they had never heard anything like it at a Baptist Convention.

Thursday, May 22

FORENOON SESSION

A CHILLING rain was drenching the Boardwalk. Many delegates arrived late, so that the Board of Education and Publication began its program before a scattered audience. Slowly it grew in size as the program progressed. After the opening prayer by Miss Anita Nock, missionary to the Hopi Indians in Arizona, Board President H. T. Sorg introduced in turn Secretaries Richard Hoiland, Newton C. Fetter, and Luther Wesley Smith, Headmaster W. W. Saunders, and Editor Benjamin P. Brown. Each staged an interesting radio-studio-broadcasting type of program, with fascinating lighting effects, well rehearsed participation by more than 50 young people, and quick changes of scenery, all against the background of a series of stereopticon slides on the mammoth screen. Dr. Hoiland set forth the relation between education and evangelism in an interview between a pastor and a Board of education representative. Dr. Fetter outlined the program of the university pastor in an interview with a student pastor. Dr. Smith reported on the Scholarship Loan Fund now assured by the World Mission Crusade which next year will finance college scholarships for 50 Baptist young

people. Nine were so financed this year. Their pictures were featured on the screen while 50 young people, representing the 50 who will be aided next year, marched across the stage. Headmaster Saunders spoke in enthusiastic terms about the long range effect of this fund on future Baptist leadership. Editor Brown made a strong but sobering address on the life and death struggle which Christianity faces with secularism and communism. He asked three searching questions. Have we the wisdom and the consecration for this hour? If communism controlled our colleges what would be the effect? The need of Christian control was therefore apparent. Who will win in this struggle? In a solemn moment of dedication all college faculty members, Sunday school teachers, and pastors in the audience were asked to rise while President W. W. Adams offered a prayer of Consecration.

President Louie D. Newton of the Southern Baptist Convention was then introduced. With choice Southern humor he expressed his delight in attending the Convention as a fraternal delegate, praised the achievement of the World Mission Crusade, and briefly reported the recent Southern Convention in St. Louis, stressing its unity of conviction, purpose, and method. He was listened to with profound attention as he summarized his impressions of his visit to Soviet Russia. It was a dramatic moment when he lifted up a golden chalice which had been purchased in Italy in 1868 by a Russian, given to the First Baptist Church in Tiflis, for its communion services, and eventually presented to Dr. Newton. In a stirring plea for understanding and friendliness with Russia, he quoted what the Russian Baptists had said as they presented the chalice, "If we can drink from this cup and you in America drink from it, we shall have no fear of misunderstanding or war between our countries." President Dahlberg offered a brief concluding prayer for Russia and America.

The impressiveness of this feature explained why there was no delay in approving the enlarged unified missionary budget for the new fiscal year which Finance Committee Chairman A. J. Hudson presented and which totalled \$6,100,000 (*See page 330*). In a masterly interpretative analysis General Director Reuben E. Nelson explained the various items. "This is the largest budget we have ever undertaken in one year" said he, "because it includes also the collection of unpaid World Mission Crusade pledges."

The session closed with the second of Dr. Edward H. Pruden's devotional meditations. Based on the familiar passage in the third chapter of Philippians, he appealed for a more vital Christian experience and expansion in Christian living. "The world we live in demands superlative Christian discipleship."

AFTERNOON SESSION

THE Thursday afternoon session opened with rain outside the Convention Hall and music inside on the world's largest organ. Prayer was offered by Professor A. M. Mergal of Puerto Rico. Missions and evangelism were the two main program themes.

Rev. Oscar Rodriguez spoke on behalf of our work in Latin America and the great need in Roman Catholic dominated countries for the evangelical message. He reviewed his conversion experience. His mother had been a Roman Catholic and his father a Spiritist. In his early teens he became a Baptist and at that time showed the quality of his faith by replying to a question from the deacon in the church regarding his willingness to die for Jesus with the words, "I do not think the Lord Jesus wants me to die for him; rather he wants me to live for Him even if it costs me my life." His description of conditions in Latin America was most discouraging. The people have had four centuries of Roman Catholic history, but are suffering from spiritual malnutrition. They are deeply sunk in ignorance and superstition. Evangelical Christianity has brought life and hope. However there is great danger that other forces will overwhelm the rising new spirit of spiritual freedom. The Roman Catholic Church is recruiting 40,000 new priests for Latin America. Communism and Rationalism are seeking those who are turning from the bonds of Catholicism. Latin America is in revolution in accord with the inscription on a monument in Mexico. "To the revolution of yesterday, today and forever." Is this revolution to result in a victory for Jesus Christ? In closing he appealed for more missionaries with the words, "Protestant missionaries brought the policy of good neighborliness to Latin America long before President Roosevelt advocated it. We must continue this policy and accept the challenge which the people of Latin America offer to us."

Dr. R. L. Howard who had just returned from British India, reported on the situation around the Bay of Bengal. He drew a vivid contrast between the material destruction of the war and the sincere, spiritual devotion of the people. In spite of the war and the opposition of political groups the Baptists around the Bay of Bengal have grown in number to the astonishing figure of 360,000. In Assam's Naga Hills 28,000 came into the church during the war years. One preacher told Dr. Howard he had baptized 2,000 of his fellow country men. The grandfather of this preacher had been a head hunter. All Christian groups in Burma and Assam expressed a great desire for more missionaries.

The second seminar on Evangelism, led by Dr. Derbyshire, had its main address by Dr. C. B. Aken-

son of Minneapolis, Minn. In contrast to Professor Homrighausen on the preceding day who had discussed evangelism in its wider sense, Dr. Akenson restricted his message to personal salvation. He outlined three essential steps. First, we must be persuaded of a fact; second we must be enthralled by a Person; and third we must be dedicated to a task. The fact is: Men are sinners against God and apart from Christ are eternally lost from God. The person is Christ in Whom God speaks. The task is personal dedication to the work of evangelism. In the discussion seminar a delegate expressed the hope that the personal experience of the man who has been reborn would find expression in changing the injustices and evils in our society.

In the brief concluding business session President E. M. Poteat withdrew his motion which he had presented on the preceding day and which would have recognized the Conservative Baptist Association of America as a separate and distinct organization from the Convention. He did so, as he explained, in the interest of denominational harmony and unity. (See page 331). "This is the moment when we have turned northward," said Dr. Dahlberg. The session thereupon closed with a period of prayer.

EVENING SESSION

ON Thursday night the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism was formally launched. President Dahlberg called upon the Singing Pastors to inaugurate this movement with song, remarking, "Great revivals have been marked by great singing." The singing by the pastors of "Diadem" was a glorious response. Dr. Sidney Powell and Dr. G. Pitt Beers as leaders of the new Crusade, presented the men and women who will be their associates.

Then Dr. Beers in a vigorous and powerful address on, "We Witnesses for Christ," made clear the natural inevitableness of this Crusade. Man is lost and is crying for help. There is but one guide who can lead him out of his fear and despair. This need of man has caused many denominations in many lands to begin evangelistic undertakings. In China, Japan, Europe, and Australia similar crusades are under way. There are four phases to this undertaking. (1) Revitalization of our use of the Bible; it must be read and lived. (2) Increased effectiveness in winning people for Christ. (3) Concern for the multitudes of unchurched who are our neighbors. One half of the children in America grow up without church contacts of any kind. (4) This movement must become a great spiritual awakening in which Christ lives through us. Whether or not the world accepts our message *we must leave no doubt that we have lived it.* He closed with the challenge,

"May the spiritual achievements of this Crusade match the financial achievements of the World Mission Crusade.

While Dr. Beer's address was logically and emotionally convincing, one question remained. Would the evangel be heard? This was answered in, "The Voice of Experience," in which several pastors told what evangelism had already done in their areas. In the "Winning Children for Christ Program," one church reported 34 children the first year, 17 in the second year, and 23 in the third year. In West Virginia 22 young people went out and brought back 22 decisions. Their enthusiasm spread and eventually more than 100 young people were won. In Utah a little church of 50 members had no pastor. Laymen went out, won four new members, revitalized the church, and called a pastor. A Pennsylvania church of 80 members put on a visitation campaign and out of 67 prospects won 51 for Christ. In Nantucket 37 were interviewed and 35 were won.

This overwhelming evidence of the success of evangelism in today's world was still further supplemented and buttressed by the address of Dr. Powell who called upon pastors to provide leadership, laymen to work with their pastors, women to give their testimony in their homes and outside, mothers to pray and Sunday school teachers to inspire their youth, for most of our accessions come from the Sunday schools; Dr. Powell closed his message by telling the story of the prayer meeting in Columbus last December when the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism was first announced. With one accord the Convention delegates followed Dr. Powell's suggestion and knelt in prayer. The platform curtain was raised to disclose an open Bible and a cross. In this setting of a kneeling people before an open Bible and a cross, the session closed.

Friday, May 23

FORENOON SESSION

CLEAR skies and radiant sunshine greeted the final day of the Convention which opened with prayer by Miss Alma Clifford, missionary among Spanish speaking people in New York City. Executive Director M. Forest Ashbrook presented the annual report of the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board. In an illuminating address he emphasized again the importance of the pension fund to the security of the retired minister and missionary. This is being increasingly recognized. Whereas four years ago only 38% of Baptist ministers were enrolled in the Board's pension plan, today more than 70% are enrolled. He appealed for more participation in custom of churches donating one communion offering

each year. Last year \$48,000 came from this source. The amount could be doubled if every church made such an offering each year. In conclusion he paid tribute to the late Dr. P. C. Wright who had so long been identified with the M. and M. Board. (*See editorial tribute on page 349*)

The next half hour furnished an interesting illustrated review of the activities of the Council on Christian Social Progress. Its Chairman William G. Mather contrasted social conditions at the time of Amos against which the prophet delivered his condemnation, with conditions today. He reported the appointment of Mrs. C. R. Watford as Washington representative, serving without salary. She addressed the convention briefly on the importance of keeping the Council informed on national legislation that is of concern to Baptists. The Council has been active in a campaign against the liquor traffic, and Rev. R. L. Cober of New Haven cited startling figures. The U. S. Government now has in its employ more federal officers to check bootlegging than in any year under prohibition. Alcoholism afflicts 750,000 Americans, as compared with 630,000 stricken with tuberculosis, and 500,000 suffering from cancer. More than one billion dollars for bootleg liquor and almost nine billion dollars for legalized liquor was spent by Americans last year. Last speaker was Council Secretary Donald B. Cloward who mentioned the five Primers already issued, respectively, on Peace, Race, Alcohol, Industrial Relations, and Marriage, with two more respectively, on Gambling and on Civil Liberties.

By this time the auditorium was again well filled so that the next speaker, Miss Muriel Lester, famed British social worker, had a large, attentive, sympathetic audience, as she described the misery and devastation of Europe, the physical effects of hunger and malnutrition, and what was of more poignant importance and menacing significance the secondary effects, the agony of parents watching their children contract tuberculosis, the rising bitterness and resentment against people and nations well fed and clothed, the pervading, prevailing, expanding atmosphere of hopelessness and despair. It was a deeply moving address and it closed on a note of optimism as she appealed for a Christian conscience, and a new spirit of reconciliation as the only means of genuine rebuilding of the life of Europe.

Then followed the customary, legally required but nevertheless complicated and wearisome procedure in adopting annual reports, approving records, and electing officers and board members of the nine co-operating societies and boards.* Prolonged applause

* The list of persons elected appears on pages 364.

greeted the election of President Edwin T. Dahlberg to a second term. Similar applause greeted new Vice President James L. Kraft.

Dr. Edward H. Pruden closed with the third of his devotional meditations. Using as his theme the story of the mother who wanted her two sons to sit beside Jesus in His Kingdom, he analyzed discipleship as a service to be rendered, a peril to be faced, and a sacrifice to be made.

AFTERNOON SESSION

THE afternoon session opened with prayer by Miss Maza Evans of Assam. Foreign Board Secretary E. A. Fridell introduced Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Vick, parents of Robert and Dorothy Vick who had died in the plane crash in China. All in the auditorium rose and stood in a moment of silent remembrance.

In an exceedingly informing address Dr. T. C. Bau, General Secretary of the Chekiang-Shanghai Baptist Convention, brought greetings from Chinese Baptists who had stood firm during the war years and have gone ahead and raised \$150,000 gold for their work. Although only one Chinese in a thousand is a professing Christian, Dr. Bau expressed optimism for the future by saying, "Nothing is too big for God." He closed his address with an appeal for both missionaries and equipment. Concerning the latter he said 30 bicycles for 30 evangelists in East China would increase their effectiveness three times.

Rev. Clayton Pepper spoke on the subject, "The Future is Now In the Rural Church." He reviewed a few of the contributions which the rural church has made to life in America. The rural church has been greatly weakened because its resources have been drained away. The rural non farm population outnumbers the rural farm population. The kind of people we have in the future will depend to a large extent upon what happens to the people in rural areas today. Only one eighth of the rural people in America are active in church life.

General Secretary M. E. Aubrey of the Baptist Union of England and Ireland was introduced. He brought greetings from the Baptists of England and mentioned their war losses, 800 churches damaged or destroyed, a financial loss of \$25,000,000.

Due to pressure of time the third Seminar on Evangelism had to be curtailed, but the various speakers made their minutes count. Dr. John F. Skogland told of his visit to the Orient. (See pages 336-339.)

An effective appeal for evangelism with children was made by Miss Eleanor Blankenshire.

Dr. Warner Cole, who was to have delivered an

address on, "To Seek and To Save," had to condense it into two forceful illustrations which conveyed his main argument, "We must hear the voice of Jesus say, YOU. Evangelism is to be done by US."

The concluding business session brought a sharp debate on motions connected with the Conservative Baptist Association of America and on what constitutes a convention cooperating church. The report of the Resolutions Committee was adopted with only a few changes.

EVENING SESSION

EVERY seat was occupied at the final session even to the last row in the balcony, so that more than 4,000 people were present. The opening song service was extended because the two choirs, one from Grace Temple Baptist Church and the other from the First Italian Baptist Church, both of Philadelphia, had been delayed. President Dahlberg offered the opening prayer. Then the mammoth stage curtains parted and for more than three hours the audience witnessed the 40th anniversary pageant, written by Rev. Anthony F. Vasquez, Director of Christian Education and Youth Activities in Philadelphia. An immense cast of characters participated. In the massed final tableau more than 150 people were on the stage. They included impersonations of the Apostle Paul, the committee that in 1907 brought about the organization of the Convention, among them H. L. Morehouse, L. A. Crandall, Shailer Matthews, W. C. Bitting, J. W. Brougher (*the only survivor in this list who therefore had to impersonate himself*), U. S. Army chaplains, widows, war orphans, starving multitudes from the devastated areas of Europe and Asia, college presidents, missionaries, Convention ex-presidents, and the usual company of newly appointed missionaries, the consecration of whom formed the impressive climax. Impressive stage lighting effects and candles in the hands of the new missionaries accentuated the spectacular impact of the scenes, so that the audience witnessed a deeply moving panorama of Northern Baptist Convention history. The men who impersonated the original convention committee proved to be splendid actors even though they had only a few lines and a few moments on the stage. The new missionaries were presented by the personnel secretaries of the several mission boards and the charge to them and to the denomination to support them was given by the Convention President.

The hour was very late, 11:12 P.M. to be exact, for at that moment the Editor looked at his watch, when Dr. Dahlberg pronounced the benediction, and the Northern Baptist Convention adjourned.

What Gospel for a Broken Nation and a Hopeless People?

The work of the Christian minister is never easy. Here is a vivid picture of what it means to be a minister of Christ among a hopeless people in war ravaged Germany



A conference of 23 Baptist pastors in Germany with U. S. Army Chaplains James McKenzie and Verb A. Slater (both Baptists), most of whom serve two or more churches. Not one has the use of an automobile or motorcycle. Only six had bicycles of which four were unusable because they had no tires

WAR and its after-effects always deepen existing contrasts. Shadows and light are sharpened immeasurably in war and post-war periods. Death and life, sickness and health, unbelief and faith, want and abundance,—to mention only a few examples,—appear to us in Germany today as through a magnifying glass, oversized and overpowering.

Before us yawns an abyss of evil, unknown in previous times. We are faced by mountains of difficulties, needs and sufferings that our pre-war imagination could never have scaled. The terrors of the first world war appear to us today like dwarfs compared with the gigantic effects of the second world war. All previous catastrophes are like little snowballs compared with the terrifying avalanche of the present judgment of God.

The work of the preacher and pastor has never been easy. But was it ever as hard as it is today, after the second world war, especially in Germany? Together with their people and congregations, our

By JACOB MEISTER

ministers with their wives and children have fully shared the deprivations and terrors of five and a half years of war. While the older pastors were allowed to stay home, most of the younger pastors had to serve in the army. Those that could remain at home had to assume added responsibilities, especially the care for neighboring pastorless churches. Many ministers suffered the loss of their homes and most of their personal possessions. Several sustained physical injury, such as loss of arms or legs. Others mourn for the loss of loved sons and daughters. Several have lost their entire libraries and the literary fruit of years of study. A considerable number of our faithful ministers did not return alive to their families and churches. They leave gaps hard to fill. Their noble example and sacrificial service inspires us, the still living, to greater consecration. There remains also for us the duty of honor and love to care for their widows and children.

Recently I visited one of our pastors who had to serve in the army during the entire war. His home was destroyed. His wife and five children had to be evacuated. The congregation lost its church building. Surrounded by ruins and heaps of rubble, this minister begins his work again. He must literally start at the bottom. He occupies one room and a kitchen in a heavily damaged house. Two double-deck beds serve for the entire family of seven. In those two narrow rooms the whole life of this minister's family takes place. Here the children prepare for school, the mother does her housework, the father prepares his sermons, takes care of a voluminous correspondence and receives many callers. From morning till night the people come with a thousand needs to him and ask for advice and help. This minister possesses only two shirts, one that he wears and one that is being washed.

Among the petitioners that come to the doors of our ministers, the numberless refugees from sections of Germany now incorporated in Poland and Russia take up most of their time and strength. With these poorest of the poor who possess literally nothing, the pastor shares his bread. He prays with them and plans with them, and ponders on some way out for them. He goes with them on many difficult and futile errands, until the most urgent need is temporarily fulfilled and a new beginning made.

Although the war ended two years ago, several ministers are still separated and far removed from their families. That means a further economic burden with an income already greatly slashed, and it delays the restoration of the life of many families which had been torn asunder by the war. All our ministers had to flee from the territories east of the Oder river, and most of them found a tem-

porary shelter in the churches located in the British and American occupation zones. Our convention headquarters are hard at work to find new fields of service for these brethren and to assist them in building up a new existence.

About half of our church buildings were destroyed or very heavily damaged. Due to shortage in building materials only a few rooms have been restored for religious meetings. It is difficult to find a new shelter for a homeless family, but it is much harder to secure a new home for a congregation. Collections and contributions have been noticeably reduced. Several ministers have voluntarily reduced their salaries which always were inadequate. Many families of pastors now live not only in the most primitive conditions but in unsanitary rooms. Our pastors suffer with the members of our churches and the nation from a war that was totally fought and totally lost, and we submit humbly to the judgment of God which lies heavily upon us.

One primary task emerges for us. As true disciples of Jesus and faithful servants of Christ we must neither despair nor fail. We have to produce evidence and example that the power of God is being perfected in weakness. A pastor who in a heavy air-raid on Hamburg lost everything except his own and his wife's life, wrote to me: "Through that ghastly night and the grave subsequent days we held on to the Rock that followed with us. We were held and carried by it, so that we never had to pass through the deepest despondency." Thus we recognize clearer than ever before the insecurity of all human existence, the instability of all earthly foundations, and the emptiness of a non-Christian worldview. But we have also experienced as never before the trustworthiness of the promises of God. Nobody and nothing could tear us out of

the hand of our Lord. On flight and in deadly danger we came to know the meaning of the nearness of God. We find ourselves surrounded by hopeless people. Depression and resignation darken the hearts of many of our fellow men. Disillusioned and embittered, they break down under the heavy burden of their fate, lose themselves in loneliness and despair of God and men. Our preaching has various accents: dogmatic, apologetic, evangelistic. Today its chief emphasis is on the pastoral ministry and the care for souls. To hopeless people who see only before themselves the headlong fall into ghastly depths, we want to show the invisible hand-rail of the Christian faith and the living hope, to which they can hold on and from which they can find the way out of their deepest need and darkest night. This is the glorious and victorious message that we as preachers and pastors in post-war Germany have personally experienced and can bring to others. We pray that God may particularly qualify us for this ministry. And we ask our American brethren for their intercessory prayers and their help.

Stirred by Victories and Challenged by Needs

*A new missionary's first impressions
of the mission conference in Assam*

By JOHN ANDERSON

THE Annual Assam Missionary Conference at Gauhati was of peculiar interest to me as a new missionary. Two things were especially striking. First I was impressed by the testimonies of older missionaries who were returning to the field after their long wartime absences. Some were coming back to rebuild a once well established work which had been partially destroyed by the war. Some had left part of their families in America. Some were already carrying

the load of several persons because of understaffing. All were facing new difficulties and discouraging circumstances. Yet there was not the slightest discontent or pessimism. Several spoke joyously of their return as coming "home again." Surely this was a healthful atmosphere and proper spirit for a new missionary couple.

The other fact was the progress in bringing about more and more participation on the part of Assamese Christians in the work of the mission. This is as it should be and is in keeping with the trends of the time. Missionaries and native leaders sat in conference together to organize a Council of Baptist Churches in Assam. Its executive committee is to consist of six Assamese and six missionaries representing the various geographical areas of Assam. This will hasten the preaching of the gospel and in establishing the church in Assam on a self-supporting basis.

Throughout the Conference I was stirred by the victories won by the gospel, and challenged by the stupendous needs that still exist. As I listened, for example, to one of our school leaders bring a devotional message I was moved to thank God for such workers. His subject was, "Prayer" and he spoke reverently and warmly of his own experience of prayer as taught him by his Hindu-convert mother. Among evidences of the still-existing need as well as of constant effort to meet that need was a story by Dr. E. S. Downs of Tura of a patient whose parents objected strenuously to paying six rupees (about \$2.00) for mission hospital treatment but who had spent 200 rupees (about \$66) on witch doctors before bringing her to the hospital. Thus as a new missionary in Assam I already have a better understanding of the greatness and glory of the task here and a greater determination to fulfill it.

The Need of an Early Beginning

A meditation on our task in the new denominational year

By REUBEN E. NELSON

WITH real enthusiasm delegates to the Northern Baptist Convention in Atlantic City voted unanimously for the adoption of \$6,100,000 for 1947-1948 as the largest budget since before the depression of 1930-1933. Since budgets were set up on a different basis in pre-depression years, this really represents the highest budget based on the possibility of achievement.

In addition about \$6,000,000 will need to be collected on pledges unpaid to the World Mission Crusade. Next year's Convention in Milwaukee must therefore anticipate the report of about \$12,000,000 received during the year.

If this achievement is to be recorded, we must begin early.

Each one of us must begin now and keep our pledges to the unified budget and to the World Mission Crusade paid regularly during the summer months.

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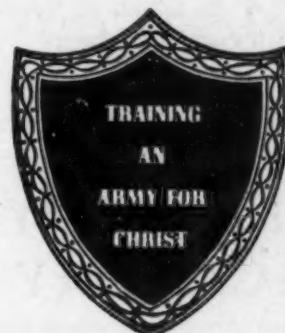
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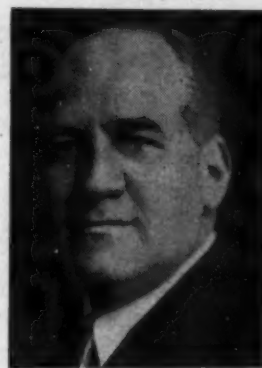
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The Modern Message of the Minor Prophets, by RAYMOND CALKINS, Harper and Brothers, 204 pages, \$3.00.

A Life For the Congo, the story of Althea Brown Edmiston, by JULIA LAKE KELLERSBERGER, Revell, 171 pages, \$2.00.

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The Great Succession, Leaders of the Baptist Missionary Society during the nineteenth century, by ERNEST A. PAYNE, Carey Press, 128 pages, 3/6.

The Gospel in India, by W. E. FRENCH, Carey Press, 162 pages, 6/.

In the Light of the Cross, by HAROLD COOKE PHILLIPS, Abingdon Cokesbury, 204 pages, \$1.75.

Does God Exist?, by A. E. TAYLOR, Macmillan, 172 pages, \$2.00.

The Luminous Trail, by RUFUS M. JONES, Macmillan, 165 pages, \$2.00.

Deep is the Furrow, a novel, by KEN ANDERSON, Zondervan, 254 pages, \$3.00.

The Glory of the Empty Tomb, by SAMUEL M. ZWEMER, Revell, 170 pages, \$2.00.

The Quest for Inner Peace, by W. E. PARK, Macmillan, 207 pages, \$2.50.



Mexican children, the building, and the playground at the Christian Center in Salt Creek, Colorado

Christian Center Ministry to Mexicans in Colorado

By MRS. LEONA M. EVANS

ABOUT three miles east of Pueblo, is a little Mexican village known as Salt Creek, the population of which is 100% Mexican. The homes are almost all adobe brick, and the atmosphere is typically Mexican, with the Spanish (or Mexican) language still in use.

In 1927 the Pueblo Baptist Christian Center and Mexican Baptist Church began work there as an outstation in a small two room adobe building rented for the purpose. Some time later the building was purchased by the Pueblo Baptist Union. In the beginning there were three activities during the week—Sunday school on Sundays, preaching service on Thursday evenings, and a club and story hour Friday afternoons. The work has continued through the years. There has been an eager response to Bible Study. Several have been won for Christ and baptised.

This year the Christian Center workers have given Thursday afternoons and evenings to Salt Creek. In the early afternoons we call in the homes and then hold recreational activities and Bible Study in the "Christian Center."

These opportunities mean much to this little community. A member of our High School Fellowship writes about the Salt Creek Mission:

"The Salt Creek Mission is situated in Salt Creek, a small village on the outskirts of the city of Pueblo, Colorado. It is a small two-room building, but its rating in the community is great. Many children as well as older boys and girls look forward to Thursday of each week when the Mission is open for classes. The first meeting is from three to five in the afternoon, and is for children between the ages of 5 and 12 years. They play baseball, volleyball, jumping rope, etc., learning unconsciously the act of cooperation. The last part of the period is spent in Bible Study and devotions. They learn Bible verses and sing, and listen to the great stories from the Bible. They are then dismissed with prayer. The next meeting is held that same day at 7:00 P.M. for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 21. Part of their period is spent in playing games, everyone seeing to it that every one else is having his share of fun. Sometimes they are entertained by an occasional movie, or work on a project. One of their present projects is work on a newspaper. For the last part of their

period they gather around for a devotional service to make the meeting complete.—Sara DeLeon

Happy School Days In El Salvador

By ESTOY REDDIN

FROM a land of warm sun and palms, coffee blossoms and lots of dust I send you greetings once more. When you folks are beginning to feel the spring breezes and look toward springtime, we here are toasting ourselves under the not summer sun and dreaming of the winter rains that will soon be here to relieve us of the terrible dust that fills our homes and lungs. The days are hot; it is usually about 90° even in the house from noon to almost sundown, but the evenings are cool and delightful so we sleep well. We are grateful for woolen blankets at night. Often a sweater makes us more comfortable at breakfast time when the temperature drops to 56°, just as it did this morning. When the hot days come around, we know that summer vacation is over and it is time for a new school year. Our present year is now well underway and soon we shall be thinking about first term exams while your boys and girls will be planning on final exams and summer vacations.

Our school enrolment is up to capacity again and, as in the preceding years, many had to be turned away. It makes one's heart sad to have to say no to those who want to come. Some few students did not return for they found that they did not like the Bible classes here, but counterbalancing them are the ones who have come this year especially to get those classes. One father brought his little girl to enroll her in the boarding department and asked especially that she be taught religion. He was willing to pay extra for the class.

My boarding school girls are a joy to me as always and I count myself fortunate to have so many "daughters," for where you may have two, three, or four, I have 39 with me this year, plus those who have now left to begin their life work or continue their training elsewhere. Those who have not left are not forgotten, however. Last year we began a birthday prayer calendar such as we had at the Baptist Missionary Training School in my student days. We are adding names to it of those who have just come to us. Each girl is remembered on her day.

Another thing we tried as a venture in faith was a larger participation in the work of the Sunday School here in the local Baptist church. Last year over half of our boarding girls came from Christian homes and 15 of them were baptized church members. Of these 15 all but one who was too young helped in Sunday School work, some in the cradle roll, beginners', primary, and junior departments of our main school on Sunday mornings and the others in branch schools on Sunday afternoon. One girl was named superintendent of a large branch school that has been functioning on the eastern side of our city for several years. One of her companions accompanied her and was the teacher for the little

ones. Two groups of three each went out in different directions and organized two new schools, each of which ministered to some 40 to 50 children and young people each Sunday. It was a venture in faith for these teen age girls went alone without chaperon but they conducted themselves so well that we shall try it again when the opportunity offers.

A new venture in the boarding department is our student council. The fourth and fifth course girls, equivalent to first and second year college, are members plus a representative from each of the other three courses. It is interesting to

watch these girls develop in Christian leadership. We pray that more and more leaders will be found and strengthened not only four our co-operative living in Colegio Bautista but for the larger life outside. Our young president of the council is a senior and dreams of becoming a missionary doctor after going to a medical college, but the great problem is which. There is no Christian Boarding School connected with any university in our land where life is made difficult for any "evangelical." Baptists of El Salvador dream of the day when they will have a Baptist hospital with Christian doctors and nurses.

THE CONFERENCE TABLE

EVERY WOMAN SERVING THROUGH HER CHURCH

For the Third Time in Atlantic City

By LUELLA ADAMS KILLIAN

FOR the third time within a decade Baptist women have met at Atlantic City for the woman's board meetings. The note of spiritual advance echoed in the messages of the missionaries as they told of the many throughout America and the world who were now turning to Jesus Christ.

Mrs. H. Oswell Wyatt, State President of New Jersey, opened the joint session under the auspices of the National Committee, in keeping with the theme, "Even So Send I You," and spoke of the "Conversations of Jesus." Annual reports were lifted out of the ordinary. Secretary Irene A. Jones showed the widening outreach of the work of the National Committee and Treasurer Annie E. Root, gave evidence of the increased budget essential to carry on this task. Field Representative Ruth E. Finwall was detained by illness.

In her air mail report she urged the women to "plan creatively for the Crusade for Christ through Evangelism."

Departmental reports were streamlined. Young Adult Department Chairman Mrs. F. C. Wigginton presented a unique phonographic record for use at House Parties. Mrs. L. H. R. Hass held a symposium of challenges in spiritual life. Christian Citizenship Department Chairman Mrs. L. Earl Jackson showed that effort in this field was on the "up and up." Student Counselor Chairman Mrs. Abram LeGrand emphasized the plan of interesting young people in missionary service. A House Party Panel under the leadership of Mrs. Leslie B. Arey gave practical suggestions.

The work of Baptist young people through the "New Friends for Christ Program" as told by Carrie Dollar, President of the Baptist Youth Fellowship turned the search light of self rebuke upon our own feeble efforts to win

others. Dr. Sidney W. Powell, Chairman of the Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism depicted the tragic decay of homes and morals showing the need of a more abundant life in Christ among those of influence in our world.

The State Presidents presented the Love Gift for 1946-1947 of approximately \$270,000. A Love Gift Goal of \$300,000 was chosen for the third successive year.

Sunday brought a time of quiet, refreshing morning worship led by Mrs. M. Hoener, President of the New Jersey Baptist State Convention, and afternoon conferences of State Presidents.

On Monday morning women turned out in goodly numbers to a meeting where the project of relief

was presented by Mrs. Milo E. Wenger. Baptist women plan to send 10,000 packages under CARE costing \$10 per package. "HAVE A SHARE IN CARE" is the slogan.

Over 800 women assembled at the mass meeting where our two Board Presidents, Mrs. Leslie E. Swain and Mrs. Howard S. Palmer, presided in their gracious manner. Missionaries shared in the worship service. Two outstanding "Christian Women in Our Father's World" brought messages, Mrs. Henry Lin, wife of the President of Shanghai University in China, and Mrs. Harper Sibley, President of the United Council of Church Women. The offering, toward the relief program of CARE amounted

to \$860, "for the healing of the Nations."

New leaders for the coming year are Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Chairman of the National Committee on Woman's Work, Mrs. Roy C. Keys, State Presidents' representative on the National Committee; and Dr. Margaret T. Applegarth, Chairman for the Woman's National Committee on the Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism.

The final presentation of the National Committee was given graphically before the entire Convention where Miss Applegarth gave the challenge to Baptist women.

Now as we turn our faces homeward our prayer is: "Lord, speak to me that I may speak."

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In the Mission Fields of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society

Opened Doors in Households Overseas

A report of the 76th annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Mission Board in Atlantic City

HAVE you ever ridden in an elevated train at night and through the windows along the tracks caught brief glimpses into the intimate life of the lighted households? For a moment you share the activities, the atmosphere, and even the problems of the home as your car slows to a stop; then you speed on to another view. That is what a Foreign Mission Board meeting is like, except that in addition to the glimpse through the lighted window, the door thrown wide open extends an invitation to stop for a visit.

Our first lighted window gave us a glimpse of the University of Shanghai as its brilliant young President, Dr. Henry H. Lin, a graduate of the school, showed us

By HARRIETT BARKER

life in a Baptist university in China. His students are eager for Christian training in order to become "better men." The chapel is not big enough to hold them. Last term 74 students were baptized and 60 were preparing for church membership, and 22 were baptized the first month of the new semester. "The door is wide open for Christianity."

Hwai Mei Chen, M.D., daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Chen, both on the University staff, and herself a graduate, provided an acquaintance with a "a genuine Baptist mission product." She is in this country for graduate study after receiving her medical degree from

Woman's Christian Medical College in Shanghai, a union institution in which the Woman's Board has a share.

Miss Seater-Margaret Drever, R.N., from Kityang, South China, let us see missionaries returning to the Bixby Memorial Hospital after the Japanese left. Greeted by loyal co-workers and former patients, they returned to a hospital with no electricity or running water, with inadequate instruments and equipment but with an abundance of needy patients.

Miss Naomi Knapp described missionaries serving in a government milk distribution center in Bengal, India, a ministry that opened many new doors to the gospel. Famine followed by a cyclone and threats of war left many orphans who are being cared for in the Bengal-Orissa Mission with a love that casteth out all fear.

Dr. Alice Randall gave a glimpse of hospital life at Gauhati, Assam,

at the end of the long refugee trail out of Burma at the outbreak of the war. Evacuees and army units followed one another. The adjustment to normal medical service has presented many problems.

Miss Susan Ferguson pictured life in Madras, India, and the far-reaching influence of men and women who first found Christ when as little children they attended our mission schools.

Prof. John Skoglund of Berkeley Baptist Divinity School, sent on a preaching mission to the Orient by the two Foreign Boards, stretched our horizons further. He addressed 700 students of Central Philippine College in a chapel built of bamboo, with mud floor, thatch roof and open holes for windows. He spoke to them of their personal relationship to Christ and later, in imagination, we joined him in the service when the pastor baptized new believers. The baptistry had been destroyed and the baptisms were conducted in the fountain on the campus. Then we journeyed with him for similar ministry to students in China.

Again we looked through a window into a dormitory dimly lighted, this time by peanut oil lamps. Miss Lillian Wang has been principal of the Kwong Yit Girls' School at Meihsien, South China, for 17 years, and we rejoiced with her as her girls, competing with 30 other high schools, came off with seven first prizes.

We gazed in admiration at plucky little Miss Ruth Shuai, another product of Baptist missions who came from West China Union University on a scholarship for two years' study in chemistry.

The vista changed to Africa as Dr. Catharine Mabie, pioneer medical missionary, told of her recent plane trip back to Congo and home again. She first went to her

(Continued in 3rd column)



The Lin Children

While Dr. and Mrs. Henry H. Lin of the University of Shanghai were addressing mission board meetings, the women's mass meeting, and the Convention, it behooved their Baptist listeners to realize the sacrifice made by the boys and girls in their home in China. Here are Betty and Bobby, the youngest of their five children left in the care of devoted grandparents. One of the older boys felt so at a loss at his parents' departure that he felt unequal to a farewell at the boat, but Bobby wanted to see the big ship. Betty was born in Hongkong during the war and Mrs. Lin had to forego the Chinese custom of having the baby named by the grandfather and had to name her herself. Birth in Hongkong made the baby a British subject and Mrs. Lin promptly and proudly named her Elizabeth. Mrs. Lin will return in June to care for the children during their summer vacation and Dr. Lin will proceed to Copenhagen. Dr. John Skoglund while in Shanghai looked up the Lin family. Children do have a part in world fellowship.

A Correction

Due to error the picture captions that occurred on these pages in the May issue were interchanged. Kindly make the correction as you use the material.

field of service 49 years ago. She took us with her on a visit to each station and then we watched her at her typewriter producing in the vernacular language six books of lesson materials and stories, for says she, "It is very wrong to bring people up to literacy and not give them something good to read."

Departmental reports and the report of the Treasurer brought to us the accomplishments of the year, but in addition, a sense of the unfinished task. The Home Base Department opened windows into White Cross methods, to plans for refits for missionaries, to general promotion of missions in the churches—all in terms of a crossword puzzle. The birthday cake celebrating the tenth anniversary of the League of Interpreters told a story of missions through the ten tiny figures of people on our ten mission fields. For the report of literature, two gardeners planted seeds which sprouted blossoms and leaves of the publications of the past year. At the business session World Mission Crusade money was voted for reconstruction in devastated fields.

What does a Board member think as the lights in all these windows are left behind? The World Mission Crusade has made wonderful things possible. It has helped hang doors back on hinges, but people on ten mission fields stand inside these wide open doors inviting us to come in. We had a glimpse of world needs through these windows; our task is not done—we must help each household in the name of Jesus Christ.

Before the official opening of the Board meeting, Mrs. George W. Doane had invited the Board and friends to a delightful fellowship tea in her home in Ventnor, New Jersey. A surprise in store was the presence of Miss Frances K. Burr, former treasurer of the Board now residing in Colorado.

MISSIONS CROSS WORD PUZZLE PAGE

No. 41 — Justice

ACROSS

1. Egyptian sun god
3. "... the way of the Lord, to do justice" Gen. 18:19
6. "How long will ... judge unjustly" Ps. 82:2
7. Hawaiian lava
9. Descendant of Judah 1 Chron. 9:4
11. "all his commandments are ..." Ps. 111:7
13. Mountain in Europe
14. "To punish the just is not ..." Prov. 17:26
15. Topographical Engineers
16. Manuscript
17. Here lies (Lat.)
19. "He shall judge thy ... with righteousness" Ps. 72:2
22. "but judge righteous ..." John 7:24
26. Each
27. Combining form indicating relation to an early period of time

29. "the just ... come out of trouble" Prov. 12:13
30. See 36 down
31. "... thy mouth, judge righteously" Prov. 31:9
33. Low Latin
34. Same as 1 across
35. United Presbyterian Church
36. On the lee side
38. Girl's name
39. Senior
40. "just ... true are thy ways" Rev. 15:3
41. "Ye shall ... no unrighteousness in judgment" Lev. 19:15
43. "Deliver the poor and ..." Ps. 82:4
46. "would not have condemned ... guiltless" Matt. 12:7
48. Ancestor of Christ Luke 3:25
49. "... for the widow" Isa. 1:17
52. Sunday School
53. Grain
54. "The just shall ... by faith" Rom. 1:17

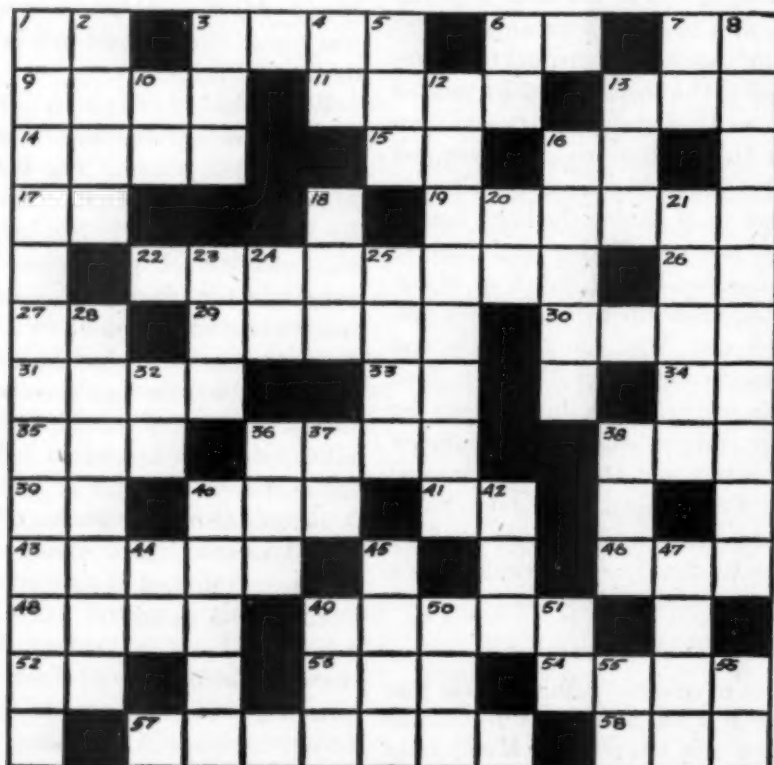
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Last Month's Puzzle

57. "do ... to the afflicted" Ps. 82:3
58. "till I might ... what was that good" Eccl. 2:3

Down

1. "in ... shalt thou judge thy neighbour" Lev. 19:15
2. One of the Prophets
3. "leopard shall lie down with the ..." Isa. 11:6
4. Plural ending of some nouns
5. "nor ... a stumbling block" Lev. 19:14
6. "Speak ... every man the truth" Zech. 8:16
7. Indian plant used for dyeing
8. "Judge not according to the ..." John 7:24
10. Proposed Universal language
12. Repulsed
13. "poison of ... is under their lips" Rom. 3:13
16. "the ... shall eat them up" Isa. 50:9 (pl.)
18. Turkish commander
20. Half an em
21. "... to do well" Isa. 1:17
23. United States Navy
24. Deadhead
25. Mademoiselle
28. "neither ... the afflicted" Prov. 22:22
32. Established Church
- 36 and 30 across "Doth our law judge ... man, before it ... him" John 7:51
37. Low Dutch



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38. "Go to the . . . , Prov. 6:6
 40. Goodby
 42. Anglo-Saxon money of account
 44. Elevated Railroad (Collq., U.S.)
 45. A hero I Chron. 11:29
 47. "I will . . . mercy" Matt. 12:7
 49. "The fining . . . is for silver" Prov. 17:3
 50. And so forth
 51. Deputy Lieutenant
 55. "path of the just . . . as the shining light" Prov. 4:18
 56. Eye (Scot.)
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MISSIONARY • EDUCATION



Rev. and Mrs. William J. Keech and Robbie

William J. Keech

Reverend William J. Keech has accepted a call to join the staff of the Department of Missionary Education. He will take up his duties in New York, September 8, 1947. After responsibility for Christian Education in the Tri-State Area of Idaho, Montana and Utah, the world field cannot phase him.

Mr. Keech was born in El Salvador of missionary parents, and came to this country at the age of twelve. He went to school on the west coast, and attended Occidental College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

It is fitting that one who has been a pastor, a Director of Evangelism and a Director of Christian Education should join this department in the year our missionary education theme is "World Evangelism." Mr. Keech has kept his

vision of the need of the mission field, learned while he grew up in a mission station. We trust that his experience and interests may enrich the work to which he will give his time beginning in September.

Mr. Keech will be Director of General Missionary Education with special responsibility for interpreting the church program of missionary education to ministers, laymen, and groups of men and women. Those who remember the history of this department know that its original purpose when it was initiated by the Baptist Missionary Union and the American Baptist Home Mission Society was "to interest laymen in the work and the support of the Baptist missionary enterprise."

The family, including Mrs. Keech and seven-year old Robbie, will live in the east.

World Vision Institute In Local Church

Emmanuel Baptist Church, Schenectady, New York, of which Reverend Francis W. Trimmer is pastor, announced an Institute of World Vision for four consecutive Sunday evenings. The special feature speaker for the first Sunday evening was Dr. Robert B. Ainslee, missionary from West China. Other features for subsequent Sunday evenings included Reverend Anthony Van Westenberg, as speaker; a special musical, featuring music from many lands; a presentation by the Drama Group of the church, called "Wealth of Spirit." Four missionary films obtained from the Visualization De-

partment in New York were used also: "We Too Receive"; "He Restoreth My Soul"; "We Bear Witness"; "That They Might Have Life."

The program each Sunday began with a period of fellowship at 5:45, followed by a "Conversational" at 6:00 o'clock and at 6:30 there were four seminars. The Hi-Fellowship discussed "Seeking To Be A Christian in Race Relations"; the Senior Fellowship discussed "The Christian Faces the Race Problem"; the women based their study on "India at the Threshold" by L. Winifred Bryce; the Laymen's Group used Henry P. Van Dusen's "They Found the Church There." Servicemen and chaplains gave personal experiences and reported on the mission program as they had seen it.

Mr. Trimmer comments, "Our missionary leaders were very much encouraged by the response."



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Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

The Northern Baptist Convention always comes to a high moment when we confront the young people who offer their lives for missionary service. It is their commitment service and also ours. Here represented is the future of all the Northern Baptist Convention stands for. The Atlantic City Convention was especially marked for the Baptist Youth Fellowship for among those dedicated to service abroad were two closely identified with the early years of the Fellowship. We have been eager that the Convention become aware of the Fellowship as its youth section and of all of its interests. Forest Parsons was for two years the National president of the Fellowship. With his wife Frances and their daughter Leslie Ann they will serve in Burma. Dick Beers has been the National Chairman of the Fellowship's World Service Committee. He with his wife Ann and their baby daughter Tari Ann, will sail for Assam in the fall. It is appropriate that Dick and Forest should speak directly to young people on these pages. Something of the deepening spirit of disciple-

ship which is taking hold of Baptist youth is in the messages they bring to you here.

Sincerely yours,

Elis P. Kapane

Dear B. Y. F'ers:

It was the thrill of a lifetime for us to be appointed by our Foreign Mission Society to go to Assam. It will be a great experience for us to bring the greetings of Baptist young people at home to Baptist youth in India. We know that we shall find young people who love the same Christ we love here in America, and who are trying to serve him in their daily lives. Many of them will be called upon to help in the building of a new India. We must never stop praying that God will be with them and will give them faith and hope for the future. As we think about going, we see more and more closely that Christianity is being put to the test all over the world. We do not think of ourselves as going to do something completely different from that which any one of you will be doing. All of us have the same task—to love Christ and serve Him wherever we may be, and to do our best to bring others to love and serve him also. We shall be looking for great things in the BYF as we do our work in Assam. May God bless each one of you in whatever you do. *Yours in Christ's service,*
ANN and DICK BEERS

Dear Fellow Disciples:

I have been asked to tell you why my wife Fran and I are going to Burma as missionaries. To understand our action, one must first of all believe in God. He must



Dick Beers

furthermore believe in God to the extent that God has a plan for each life, which plan unfolds and becomes effective when one discovers and follows God's will for his life. Ever since we accepted Christ as our Lord and Master, we have striven to follow where he would lead us. Admittedly, we often bungled. Yet in spite of our waywardness, we can look back over our lives and see God's leading at many important junctures. As time has gone on, we have realized more and more that the most important thing, and the most satisfying in the world is living according to God's will.

I think Fran has always been thinking in terms of missions. As I came to Divinity School, I was still searching, not knowing where I should go. I am certain now that God was working hard to make His Will known to me for I had one final spasm of rebellion. For over a year I was restless and uneasy, knowing that I hadn't found God's will and guessing that I hadn't because I hadn't really looked for it. Then one day last spring, the heavens seemed to open as at Pentecost. At least my mind

and will opened, and both Fran and I had an overwhelming compulsion to volunteer our services for foreign mission work. I emphasize the word "compulsion" for the conviction was so great that nothing could stop our realization of this insight. Since then each passing day has strengthened our decision, and we have never known such honest-to-goodness contentment, peace, and joy which have entered into our lives since we earnestly and sincerely listened for God's voice.

It is our prayer that youth all across our nation might listen and respond to the voice of God as it beckons them to fields of service and Discipleship. *Yours in Christian Fellowship*,—FOREST L. PARSONS

On To Oslo

Under the banner *Jesus Christ Is Lord*, Christian young people from all over the world will meet in Oslo, Norway, July 22-August 1, 1947 to reaffirm their faith in the Lordship of Jesus Christ over every realm of life. Together they will seek from Him courage and insight with which to face realistically and creatively the apparently insoluble problems which confront the world today. They will call Christian young people of all lands to more perfect obedience to God's will.

Among them will be a dozen young people of the Northern Baptist Convention. Some names have already been reported. The following others will be part of the Baptist group: Janet Herring, Washington; Gordon Smith, South Dakota; Paul Converse, Connecticut; Ruth Worman, New Jersey; Marilyn Seefield, Washington.

At Oslo each day will begin with a service of worship, in most instances led by delegates. The Conference will divide into groups of 30 each day for a period of Bible Study and a discussion concerning world problems of our day: Free-



Elsie P. Kappen and Ada P. Stearns packing "The Hills Did Not Imprison Her" booklet for Philippine shipment

dom and Order, Christian Responsibility in a Secular Environment, World Order, Man and His Inventions, The Family in the Community, The Christian Congregation's Life in the Local Community, Education in the Modern World, The Christian Faces the Situation of the Jew, The Church Faces the World.

In keeping with these bonds of world Christian fellowship the Baptist Youth Fellowship theme is "*Jesus Christ Is Lord*."

We are all engaged in one common task and can support it by intensive study in our local churches. The following materials for your youth group may be ordered from U. S. Planning Committee, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Jesus Christ Is Lord. A Call to a World Conference of Youth.

Ten Questions. To be used as the basis for program material by youth groups. Set of 11 pamphlets. 75 cents. Ten or more sets, 60 cents per set.

Youth in the World Church, by Oliver Tompkins. Short reading booklet. 25 cents.

Christianity as a Youth Movement. Eleven articles edited by Edwin Espy. 10 cents.

HOW CAN YOU TAKE PART?

1. *Pray* for the Conference; 2. *Study* the "Ten Questions for Preparatory Study"; 3. *Give* money through your B. Y. F. General office, 1703 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia 3, Pa. to help delegates to attend the Conference; 4. *Organize* "Follow-up Meetings" after Oslo Conference so that you and your friends may hear the Conference's message and share its spirit and inspiration.

Booklets for the Philippines

Recently 100 copies of the booklet, *The Hills Did Not Imprison Her*, sped on their way to the Baptist Mission in the Philippine Islands. How eagerly they will be received! The poems were written by the beloved missionary, Jennie C. Adams, who served as a nurse at the Emmanuel Hospital in Capiz until her flight to the hills and finally her martyrdom. Guild girls are taking as their project-of-love the sales promotion of these booklets at home. Proceeds will be used for the restoration of Guild work in our Philippine Islands mission. In the picture on this page Elsie P. Kappen, National World Service Secretary of the Baptist Youth Fellowship and Ada P. Stearns, Literature Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Foreign Mission Society, who edited the booklet, are looking over the booklets as they are being packed in the shipping room at New York headquarters for shipment to the Philippine Islands.

New Program Booklet

The program booklet, *Occupation Translation*, by ADA P. STEARNS written for Sally Peck Guild Chapters (senior high), on the book *Great Is the Company* by VIOLET WOOD is now ready. The programs deal with fascinating stories of the translation of the Bible into many languages of the people of the world. 35 cents.

Baptist Youth at the Baptist World Congress

Baptist young people will be attending the 7th Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark—July 29 to August 3. Following the sessions of the Baptist World Alliance the Baptist International Youth Congress will be held, August 4-7. The theme is "One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism." On the first day Dr. Oliver deW. Cummings will have an address on "How to Affirm Christ's Lordship in Youth Organizations"; on the second day among the reports of what Christian young people are doing in various parts of the world, Carrie Dollar, President of the Baptist Youth Fellowship, will report on youth work in the Northern Baptist Convention.

One Word Says So Much

Things are certainly moving in the Baptist Youth Fellowship Relief Project. Money for Fellowship Carloads is being received continually at the State Convention offices, and shoes and more shoes are on their way to the Church Relief Centers. Say the word, "shoes," to most people in this country and they immediately think of a new pair they just bought, or are reminded that they



Moses Knott, Bob Carlson and Evelyn Nickeson, Minnesota young people

need to get an old pair resoled. In most of Europe the word excites much deeper emotions. Play for a child and work for an adult can be denied just for lack of shoes.

A Swedish pastor, Rev. Frank Mengs, who recently toured Finland, relates a visit into the home of an engineer and his family. Discussing various topics including the condition of the country and the lack of everything, he mentioned the word, "shoes." Immediately, the little girl began to cry. Her mother explained that this was a tender point in her life. She has no real shoes—only a pair made of cloth with wood bottoms, which she must save for school. In Finland where the weather is rarely warm, this means that she can never go out to play. On his next visit the pastor brought some shoes

and the gift made the little girl utterly too happy to express herself. Said the minister, "This incident has been repeated thousands of times in homes that have received shoes from American church people. If every American could see, as I have, what a pair of shoes means to the life of a child, they would want to sacrifice to send many more pairs."

At the Park Baptist Church where the Minneapolis-St. Paul Discipleship Convocation was held, the young people brought shoes and during the recreation period had a shoe-shining project. Shoes were put in order, tied in pairs and made ready for shipment. Note the picture on this page.

Young people attending the Illinois Baptist Youth Fellowship Congress at Bloomington are being asked to bring a pair of shoes for the Project—*All God's Children Need Shoes*. During the Cavalcades there will be "Cereal Suppers" each night instead of a banquet and the proceeds are to go to the *Fellowship Carloads* project in the name of each associational group and it is hoped that this idea will spread to local groups also. What is your group doing? Act quickly and tell us what you are doing.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN

The Children's World Crusade

Dear Boys and Girls,

This comes to you just as you begin your vacation. I wonder if in this vacation you'll do a little work that needs to be done for some of our missionaries. You know that in your Sunday Schools there are a great many Bible pictures, story books and leaflets. On some of our mission fields things like these are greatly needed. Could you this summer collect some of these ma-

terials and send them to one of the mission fields. Here are three specific requests:

Request from Assam—There is still a great need in many places for the message of Christ. A young missionary sending the burden of need, has written "We visited a village not long ago where none of the children had ever seen a picture before. I was telling them the story of Abraham and Isaac and when I

showed them the picture of a camel they did not know what it was because they had never seen even pictures of these things before. I took crayons one Sunday out to one of the villages and the children were thrilled with them. They had never seen anything like them before and could not figure out how they made such pretty marks. They wanted me to leave the crayons for their Sunday School

but I have to have them to use in other villages. I would certainly appreciate it if you can send us any or all the material I have indicated. I need paper, scissors, crayons, religious pictures, etc. We would never have enough, let alone too much.

"Be sure to mark the package *Printed Matter, No Value*. Thus no duty will be charged, as it is 'second-hand material.' Mailing costs: 1½¢ for every 2 oz.—or 12¢ a pound. Packages must not weigh over four and a half pounds. It is better to send several small packages, at different times. It is better to have even one package reach us. Thank you all."—*Mrs. Herbert Randall*, American Baptist Mission, Tura, Assam.

Request from Burma and the Philippines—"Sunday School material and inspirational books and periodicals that have been used in the United States and are no longer needed are much needed in Burma and Philippine Island missions. Sent as third-class matter, they should be so marked, and carry postage at the rate of 1½¢ for each 2 oz. with a limit of 4 pounds 6 ounces per package. Be sure to mark on the package that the contents are also for *Free Distribution*. If you have such material, send it to Miss May Coggins, Central Philippine College, Iloilo City, Panay Island, The Philippine Islands, or to Miss Helen K. Hunt, 19 Sandwith Road, Rangoon, Burma."

I believe I can count on you to help supply these needs. You will be helping to send the gospel story to some children who have never heard of Jesus Christ.

Have a good vacation. You'll have a happier one if you have helped some other children around the world.

Your friend
Florence Stansbury

Dear Boys and Girls,

Since you couldn't be here, I am going to tell you what I did with the "Friendship Boxes" that you sent to your friends in Harlem. Let us go to the Christian Center and see what's inside! The smiling lady sitting at the desk facing us is Miss Odle, our secretary. Sitting at another desk on her right is a charming lady, Miss Stokes, who is Director of Youth and Adult Work. My desk is on Miss Stokes' right. I am responsible for the children's activities of the Center. The rows and rows of books to your left is our lending library. Those articles in the bright green closet were made by boys and girls in our Released Time Schools, After School Centers, and Daily Vacation Bible Schools. That closed door in the rear facing us, is the door to Rev. N. Hill's office. I'll open the door quietly and we can say hello—to Mr. Hill, who is Director of the Center, and a grand Director he is.

We must hurry along if we are going to make all of our stops. I am going to take you to three different churches, not far from here. There are many kinds of churches in Harlem. Some of them are large, beautiful churches. Others are located in buildings used for stores. We call them 'store-front' churches. There are also small church buildings. Our next stop is Memorial Baptist Church. This is a large and beautiful church. Perhaps you wonder why some of your gifts went here. Let me tell you! There are thousands of children in Harlem who never go to church, or receive any Christian training in the home. A study was made recently on the lower east side of Harlem to find some of these children and invite them to our Released Time Schools. We found over two hundred of them who could come to our Centers. We had to open up a new school

to take care of them. We asked the minister at Memorial Church to permit us to use part of the building for a school where children could come for Bible study, singing, worship and creative work. Crayons, scissors, pencils, pictures, Bible leaflet folders, etc. were needed. Where do you think I got these supplies? Why, of course, from your "Friendship Boxes". You see, they came in the nick of time. Let us go in. The children are sitting quietly while they listen to the Christmas carols being played by one of the teachers. Two children go up to the worship center to light the Christmas candles. The boys and girls lean forward as the teacher tells them a story—"If He Had Not Come".—*Bernice Robinson*

Congratulations, Braintree, Massachusetts

"We have just completed a missionary project in which our whole church has taken part. Last July our Vacation School children chose China as their foreign country to study. We learned to sing in Chinese, also some scripture verses. An offering of \$10.00 was received to be sent to China. On the first Sunday of October we had a beautifully decorated Christmas tree in our auditorium. The Bible School and members of our church brought 300 gifts that were appropriately wrapped and labeled as to contents for the Hospital in Kityang, South China. Then came our World Mission Crusade period. Our church raised \$3,450 and designated it to the same Hospital. The main reason we are so interested in this Hospital is that we especially love one of its nurses. Miss Seater-Margaret Drever is a local girl. We have followed her career with great interest and prayer. On February 15th our project was crowned by the presence of Miss Drever in our church. She spoke to



both the Bible School and church members. The people of Braintree are very conscious of our South China Project as we have given it much newspaper publicity."—*Mrs. Earl Reed, Director of Christian Education*

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how badly I felt, that the dolls were mildewed and some of the paint off, but she said that they would love them to pieces for it was so long since there had been any dolls here at all. How glad I am that I am back here and able to give these folks a bit of joy!

"A message came that there was a box at the railroad station from America. Could it be a White

Cross box? No, there had been no word of one's coming. But it was! Too wonderful for words! Now our Christian community will have something for Christmas. How can we thank you enough! The arrival of this box has deepened faith, brought comfort and joy, and strengthened our hands.

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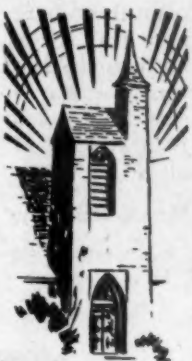
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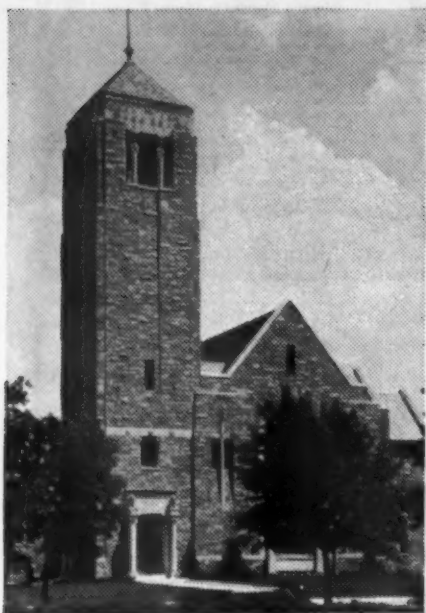
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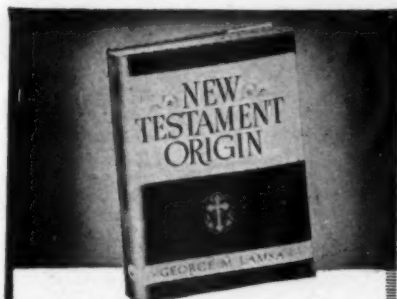
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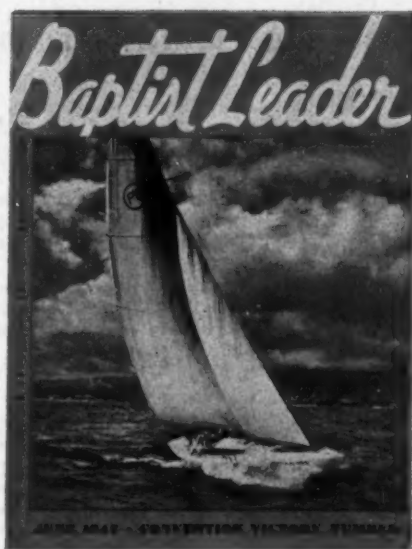


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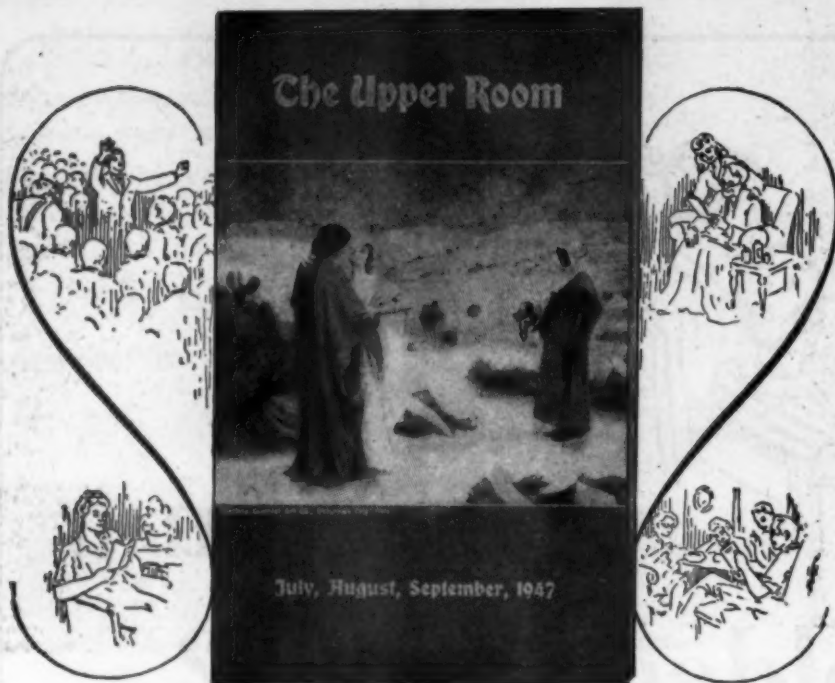


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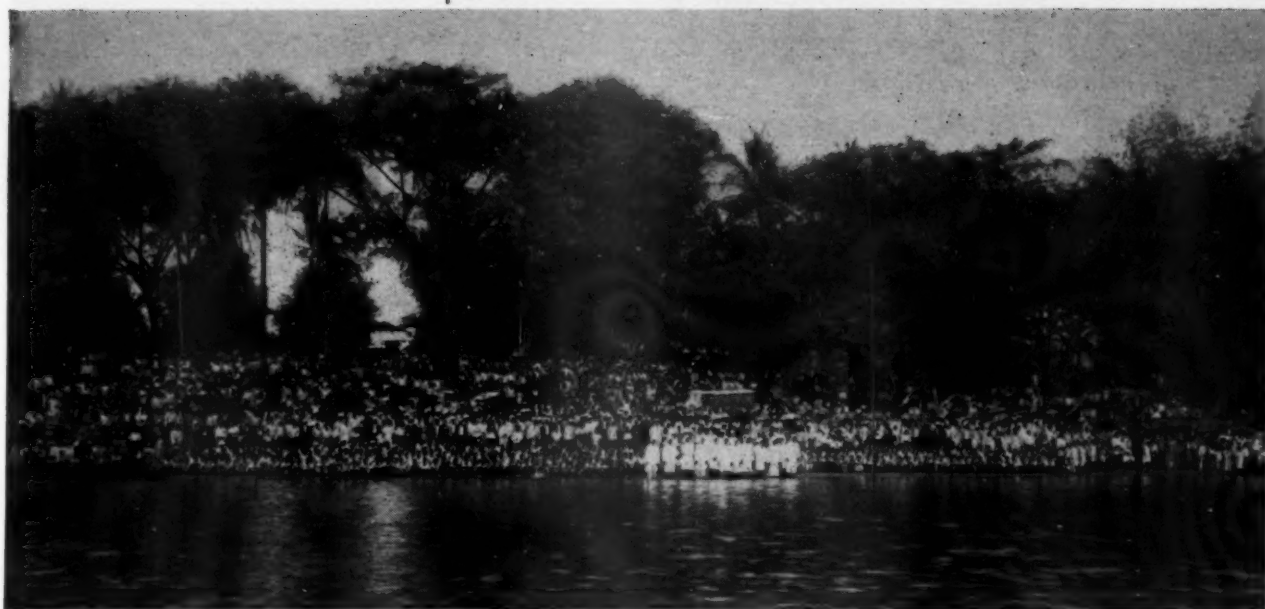
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